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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1689.

[From January 1 to December 30, 1689.]

-FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1688-

The Diary and Consultations Book of the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr who. President Governour & Councill, their Proceedings & Transactions for the Affaires of the Rt Hon[ble] English East India Compa in the Presidency of the Coast of Chormandell an[d] the Bay of Bengall the mmo January 1688-89.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQB PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MB NATH: HIGGINSON SE JOHN BIGGS M^R M^B JOHN LITTLETON M. THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLM FRASER

MR WILLIAM CAWLEY Мª

The whole Councell being duly summon'd.

Here offering for sale from a private Person in Town a Pcell of Redd Striped Neckcloths, which the Councill thought fift to buy for the R^t Honble Comp^{as} acc^t Parcell of P at Peics 45 P Pago according to muster deliverd in, haveing a great stock of money Red Stript by us, which we cannot possibly invest he [re] or to the southward, being surround- to be bought ed with Warr troubles a[nd] Scarcity.

The Soldiers sent on the Pearl ffriggot on the Tanassaree expedition, being Paymestr.

now return'd & demand[ing] their pay from the time of their entertainment upon ordered to that service, and no complaints being made against them. 'Tis orderd that they pay of & be paid their due by the Faymaster to encourage others, to goe upon any service Tanassire. they shall [be] Commanded.

M' Alford haveing [. . .] of his Contract of the Turmerick, laden on the Dragon for Persia, that 'twas but at 20 \psi Cent freight, by which according M' Alford haveing [. to the acct appears to be due to him Pags 56 the weh is orderd to be paid him, but that he and all others first pay the freight of their returnes on said Ship from

Orderd that one Serjeant, one Corporall and 20 Solds be sent on the Dorothy ffriggot to the West Coast, where he is to leave them, if their occasions requires, and ye same number on the Bencoolen Friggat.

> ELIHU YALE. NAT : HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON.

THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

sent to ye

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

THURSDAY 3D.

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----FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1688-

Generall from Conimere dated the 5th Instant, adviseing that their Merchants had taken the Silver, Broad cloth, and Corrall, at the prices ours did here, and their buisiness in a good posture, their goods dayly comeing in, but the Porto Novo Investments are in great backwardness.

Investments are in great backwardness.

Letters from Nabob Ekron Cawn at Cuttack and His Muttsuddie Mahomed Phazzer, accompanying the Nabob Jehan Bawder Cawnes letter from Bengall.

Letters from Nabob Ekron Cawn. Lettr from

Letter from Cawn Jehan Bauder Nabob of Bengall to the Honbie President ve Nabob of Bengall to the Honbie President dated the first of September last complaining much of Agent Charnocks irregular proceedings there, and seems inclinable to an accommodation by their desireing some discreet Person may be sent to treat with him, promiseing all Just and Courteous usage therein.

Ship Triblicane belonging to Mamudum Nina Inhabitant arrived from

Ship Trivlicane arrived. Atchein.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 7.

The Presidents Cash

Pollicys of

read.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M* NATH: HIGGINSON
M* JOHN LITTLETON
M* THOMAS WAVELL
M* WILLIAM CAWLEY
The whole Councill being duly suffion'd
M* ROBERT FREEMAN sick.

The President read his acc' of Cash for the month of December, which was past in Councill and the ball amounting to . . . Pag* 738[...]8:09:2.

The buisiness of the Insurance office was discourst, and the Pollicyes approved with some alteration, an[d] to make them more authentique and satisfactory 'tis order'd that the R^t Honble Comp¹⁸ Seale be affixt to each and signed by the Register.

A question was proposed whether goods upon Permission trade for England were by the Honble Comparorders to pay Custome at this Port the Shipt at [anchor] and not landed here, which for further satisfaction therein M. William Fraser and M. Thomas Gray are ordered to peruse the Honble Comparorders about it & report them the next Consultation day.

Insurance atter'd & approved.
whether Permissive goods is to pay Custo: if not landed here.
Mr Fraser &

Foruse ye Rt
Homble
Compā Genll
concerning it.
Cotten to be
laden aboad
ye Dorothy
50 \$\partial{P}\$ Cent
fret for Cot-

ten.

Mr Gray orderd to

Noe freight yet offerring for the Dorothy friggot for Atchein from the troubles in the Countrey & Scarcity of goods, 'Tis therefore order'd that a quantity of cotten be laden on the Honbie Comp^{ns} acc', and that the fre' be 8 P cent course and six P cent Fine, and for gruff goods to be taken proportionably for its bulk and weight and Valluation here as accustomary, but that Cotten be at 50 P cent freight.

Henry Wattson Surgeon & severall other Soldiers and Seamen, being the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{at} Servants, some belonging to Sloop James, haveing been taken Prisoners at Syam, and others from Bengall belong⁸ to Sloop Hopewell being forced to serve those Pyratts after being releas't were by M^r John Hill entertain'd at Mallacca, and brought hither upon the Pearle Friggot, haveing been great Sufferers by their detainment, yet 'tis not thought reasonable to allow the whole amount of their Wages from the time of their being taken, but agreed that they be paid from their entertainment, and service upon the Pearle friggotto this time, and that they be continued upon ber.

Henry Wattson, &c., to be paid their wages.

wm Itussey's William Hussey Master of the priz'd Ship Loretta taken and sent up by Capt will Heath from Bengall bringing an acct of wages due to the lascars since her caption there, the Storekeeper is order'd to examine the acct and give in his

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report the next Consultation but that nothing be paid them till the seizure be tryed

by the Coart of Admiralty.

Tis agreed that the freight on the Williamson to Persia be 10 P Cent Fine fret to goods and 12 \$\psi\$ Cent [course] Iron and Steale 14 \$\psi\$ Cent China Ware 3 Pag* \$\psi\$ Persia within Chest [...] 1\frac{1}{2} Pag* \$\psi\$ Tubb Sugars 18 \$\psi\$ Cent China root 25 \$\psi\$ Cent Allome 18 P Cent Gallingall 20 P Cent Turmerick 30 P Cent and all other goods in proportion thereto.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Pass given to Sloop Salamatrou belonging to Cojee Gregorie, Inhabitant. Ship Rebecca arrived from Moccaw in China haveing buried her Commander, Pass to sloop Cap' Thomas Batten in her Voyage thither, and by her we rec^d Letters from M' ship Rebecca William Hodges at Syam relateing his misfortunes and sad usages he meet with Maccaw. there.

Ship Bencolen return'd from Sadraspatam, Letter from the President to the Bencolen Director Mons' Martin at Pollicherry.

from Sadras.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER Mª WILLIAM CAWLRY MR THOMAS GRAY. The whole Councill being duely Summon'd. Mª ROBERT FREEMAN Sick.

THURSDAY 10.

Haveing thus long deferr'd and excused the paying the Town rent money, and all other charges to ye many unreasonable demanders in this new Government, urgeing, we could not safely pay it to any without the Kings or his Viceroy's speciall order as obliged by our Phyrmaund from the King of Golcandah, but they now growing importunate, and abusive, threatning to obstruct our trade and seize our Merchants goods and stopp Provisions from comeing to town, Tis therefore orderd y' a letter be wrott to Basherad Cawn the king's Duan, newly come from Letter to be Coast to Inspect and settle the countreys and our Egibb Cojee Abnuce adviseing of wrote to ye the Kings great esteem for him, and he was capable to do us either great kindness Kgs Daar or Injury, therefore advis'd us to oblige him by a Present, but tis thought Fitt Cawn. to prepare him by a letter of the original and state of our troubles, and thereby to learn his scence of them and inclinations to us.

Mr Robert ffreeman haveing layn long sick, and still continueing so without Mr. The signs of amendment, and being formerly chosen one of the Judges assistants in the Gray to Court of Admiralty, but now unable to officiate in that place, and there being a officiate in necessity of two assistants in conformity to his Majesties Royall charter, and the Rt manusteed, Honble Compt Commission and order for di[rect]ing that Coart of Judicature, Twas peace he taken into consideration, and debate, who of the Councill to appoint in his room being Siok. for that Imployment, and the Commission to Sr John Biggs being Pused, wee find the whole councell then, were nominated to elect Assistants from them, from whence we conclude that all of Councill hereafter are capable of being chosen for

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that Imployment, and all the rest now of council haveing imployment sufficient for their time, Tis thought fitt and ordered that Mr Thomas Gray be Justice Assistant in the Coart of Admiralty in the place of Mr Robert Freeman, and to prevent future disputes about Tryalls and Sentences in that Coart, 'tis order'd that all Judgements be sign'd in the Register by at least one of the Judges Assistants according to the Tenure of the charter & Commission.

The Neckcloths, agreed upon the last Consultation day, not proveing according to muster being very thin and course, Tis order'd they be rejected and return-

returnd. ed to the Merchant.

Shipp Rochester haveing been surveygh'd and found well fitted for her Voyage to England, Tis orderd that she be from this day re-entertained into the Comp^{as} service, and that the Warehousekeeper doe lade the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods upon her.

The Honbie Compus Merchants haveing been often Prest to hasten their contract for the early dispatching ys Ship who as often promised their best endeavours therein which we beleive they have used, but comeing this day before the Councill, they declare they mett with so many disappointments, and losses by the Warr & troubles in the Countrey, that they doubted they were not able to conclude the Investment they undertook by ys limitted time, but engage their utmost endeavours therein.

Mr John Littleton Warehouskeepr is order'd to supply the Merketts with Rice

that came from ye Bay it being old and damaged, and unfitt for Stores.

Haveing treated with Aipa Chettee &c° cotten Merch! about the Provision of cotten for the Dorothy, Wee agreed with them for 25 Candys of cotten at 18½ Pag. Pag. Candy to be brought in within Ten dayes, or what more they could procure by that time, and that 400 Pag. be advanced to them thereon.

ELIHU YALE.

NAT: HIGGINSON.

J. BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

Tho: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER.

W*: CAWLEY.

Tho: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

14. Generall to Conimere approved and sign'd.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

M^R NATH: Higginson S^R M^R

ME WILLIAM CAWLEY

ME THOMAS WAVELL ME WILLIAM FRASER

The whole Councill being duely Summd.

Letter to Generall letter to M' Benjamin Bloom &c. and Cap James Thwaites, Instruc-Benji Bloom. tions and dispatch for his Voyage to Atchein and Sumatra read and approved.

Instruction & displaced to the volume of the

Agreed and order'd that a Present of half of a peice of Scarlet cloth, one peice of serge, and one chest of Rose water, be sent to the queen of Atchein, with the Presid¹⁵ letter to her to accommodate differences.

The Warehousekeep is orderd to lade Ten Piggs of Lead aboard the Bencolen ffriggot, they desireing it for their occasions at Bencolen.

ELINU YALE.

NAT: HIGGINSON.

J. BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

THO: WAVELL.

Will: Fraser.

Tho: Gray.

MR THOMAS GRAY.

Neckcloths to be returnd.

Merchs prest to hasten in their

contract.

To supply ye Marketts wth rice.
Agreed upon Cotten at 18½
Pa. P Ca.
Pa. 400 to be advanced.

14.

Atchein.

Ten Piggs of led to be laden aboard ye Bencolen

sent to ye

Queen of

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Ship Francis Mr Masfen Commander arrived from Bengall and Vizagapatam 15 and broughta Generil dated the d Instant with their Consultations, Stewds Account ship Francis and Accd Cash, adviseing that the Seer lascar obliges the Rt Honble Compas affaires Bengall. as much as can be expected and promises no affronts shall be given yin provided their Vessells with graine that saile to and again this Coast may meet with the like favour from us.

Generall from Conimere dated the 13th Instant, advising that the Cheif was 16. Just arrived from Porto Novo where he had bin to settle the Honble Compas Affaires Genil from which found to be in a distracted Condition, by the backwardness of their Investment, and the turbelancy of the Duans people in stopping their Merchants trade from comeing and goeing out of the Towne, all which was removed by paying them what due on acct of Custe and advanceing 100 Pags theron.

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ* PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS MR JOHN LITTLETON MR MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY 17.

The Councill being duely Summon'd.

Orderd that the goods on the Dorothy Friggott goe Consigned to Capt James goods on ye Thwaites, many of the Company's Servants being unwilling to goe upon her by to goe conreason she proceeds from Atchein to the West coast, and twill be a greater charge signed to the for Provisions &ca necessaryes for the Voyage to send any of the Honble Compas Servants on her, the Cargoe being small, then to allow ye Capt 2 & Cent Commission for the dispose of their goods, and receiving the freight, Capt Thwaites also being well acquainted with the place and trade, Tis agreed to give him the care thereof, and 2 P Cent for his trouble therein.

Mr Thomas Wavell's his book of Accompts for the month of December was Mr Wavells read and past in Councill Vizt.

acct read & past. Pearl

Order'd that the Pearl ffriggotts Commission, charges and Transactions in her late Voyage be examined and determined in the Coart of Admiralty it more properly belonging to that Coart being a maritime affair.

friggott's Comiss charges es be examined. Pa 500 be Pd Mr

Order'd that Pags 500 more be paid Mr William Fraser storekeeper to defray the charges of the Rt Honble Company's Shipping and buying Stores.

There being severall Parcells of Permissive goods laden on the shipp Williamson in Bengall for England, they beleiving her to be designed directly thither, but wee haveing Judged it more requisite for the Right Honble Companyes Interest, to send the Shipp Rochester first for England for severall reasons in our former Consultations, and theirein order'd all goods the Williamson brought intended for England to be traverst aboard Her, which occasion'd Question in Councill; whether such Pérmissive goods ought or should pay any duty or custome, which being thoroughly debated was carryed in the Negative for many reasons besides the Right Honbie Company's express orders that only such goods as should be landed was to Pay 5 \$\psi\$ Cent Customes, and also that the Permissive Shipp James had liberty given to land their goods and shipp off what was unsold Custome free.

Whether ve should pa ye duty of 5

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Our Gov' having a great quantity of Bay Goods on ye W" WM CAWLEY. Son, by long argueing got this construction put. THO: GRAY. WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Passes given to Parra Meramadat & Sidda allee Peermadet Hussen Neena & Mera Tandells.

17. Pass to Parra, Meramdat. Letter to Vizagapatam.

Letters to Vizagapatam and Conimered approved and sent.

20. Letters to Bencolen and Puddicherry of this date approved and signed. letter to

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 21.

Ingott, Silver

being not corrant at ye West Coast. Order'd yt 24000 ⊮s be r

bought to send thither.

Mr Cawlys

acots read.

Benoolen.

ELIHU YALK ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^B MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WM: FRASER

MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

The Rt Honble Compa haveing only Ingott Silver in their goedownes and noe other but Mexico & Sivill Dollers being Currant at the West Coast, they haveing returned us Piller and barr Silver, so least they should want Dollers for the carrying on their buisiness and provideing of Pepper for our Shipping, 'Tis therefor [e] order'd that six chests or 24000 Peices of \$ be bought at 174 \$ Pag 10: that being the price Currant, four whereof to be sent on the Dorothy Friggot and the other two chests each 4000 Peices be sent on the Bencolen Friggot.

Mr William Cawley Land Customr his book of Accts for the month of

December was read & past in Councill Vizt.

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Mr Freemans Acots read.

Mr Robert Freeman Paymaster his accts for the month of December was read and past in Councill.

Charges garrison						Pag*	1016:10.00
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Order'd that Page 2000 be paid Mr Robt ffreeman Paymaster to defray charges P 2000 be garrison.

fre[e]man.

Order'd that two chests qt 8000 Piller Dollers be sold to Ranga Chettee at Orderd 8000 171 P 10 Page being the same price we bought at for the Rt Honble Compa.

pill dollers be sold

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WILLIAM PROBY, Secry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS MR JOHN LITTLETON Mв MR WILLM FRASER MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOS GRAY. MR ROBERT FREEMAN sick.

THURSDAY 24.

Wee haveing noe Shipp of the Rt Honble Compas here fitting to send down to Conimere for the goods in readiness there and it growing late for the Shipp Rochesters dispatch for England, 'Tis therefore order'd that a Countrey Vessell be hyred for that purpose & that the Pearle ffrigget doe bring the Porto Novo goods, and what more they shall send from Conimere. *Order'd that Pag* 200 be sent to Metchlepatam and Madapollam Factorys,

A country Vessell be hyred to fetch ye Conimere gds. Pa 200 be

to defray servants wages and repaires of those Factories.

sent to M etchle & Madapo II factorys. Pa 500 be pd Mr Fraser.

Also order'd that Pag' 500 be paid Mr William Fraser Storekeeper, for the fitting out the Bencolen Friggat &ca occasions.

Patriack Stanley formerly belonging to shipp Rochester, and since entertained by the Agent in the Rt Honble Comptte Service in the Bay on ship Loretta M Fraser Storekeep is order'd to discharge him the said service paying his wages and return him to ship Rochester againe.

> ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY.

THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Ship Moldsford Capt Henry Burton Commander arrived from Amoy in China, wth Mr Francis Wilcox and the returnes of the Rt Honble Compas adventure.

Ship Mold[8] ford arrived from Amoy.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS Мв M^B JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY ME THOMAS GRAY Mª ROBERT FREEMAN Sick.

The Rt Hon Compa adventr from China being examd reported to be well pack't. lettr from Amoy perus'd.

Mr Littleton's

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remaines of gold.

Irregularitys

The Moldsford being arrived from Amoy in China bringing the Rt Honble Compas returnes in Silks Tea &ca Mr Willcox being sent for, and examined about the packing of them, declare'd them to be substantiall and much better pack't then formerly, or those carry'd by Capt Harding upon the Loyall Captain for England however the Rt Honble Company haveing order'd the repacking all sorts of China goods, both raw and wrought Silks, that shall be sent them home.

The letters from the Cheif &ca Councill at Amoy was pused as also the letter from the Champeen to the President, the contents whereof being something strange

and unusall tis left to consideration.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeepr his book of Accompts for the month of December was read and past.

Accts read. Mr Thomas Wavell former Mintmaster haveing some remaines of Gold being Mr Higgin-son orderd to 12 Copangs by him uncoyn'd, and Mr Higginson haveing now yo charge thereof, he is orderd to coyn them.

> There being some complaints made to the Councill of severall Irregularityes and severityes in the collecting of the quitt rents, Mr Fraser and Mr Gray is order'd to examine the severall complaints and give in their report to the Councill.

in ye Collec-tion of ye quitt rents. Mr Fraser & Mr Gray orderd to examine ye same. P 8000 be mere to clear their Investments.

Orderd that Page 8000 be sent to Conimere on ship Francis for the encouragesent to Coni- ing and clearing their Investment.

ELIHU YALE. NAT : HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

28. Genll from Conimere.

29. Genll to Conimere

Generall from Conimere dated the 25th Instant adviseing the receipt of our Packett # the Pearle ffrigget whom they intend to send down to Porto Novo for repair and bring up the Rt Honble Compas goods thence.

Generall to Conimere dated this Instant, adviseing that for the great Expedition and security have hired the ship Francis to bring away their goods at half of a Page P Bale, for the early dispat hing the ship Rochester for England, and for their encouragement and clearing their Investment have sent 8000 Page which they were order'd to hasten what possibly.

deliverd Capt Thwaite's dispatch for Atchein &a.

FEBRUARY

30.

PMO.

Deliver'd Capt James Thwaites his dispatch, for Atchein and the West coast, as also his orders and Instructions for the dispose of the Rt Honble Compas concerns sent by him for Atchein, allowing 2 p cent commission for the dispose thereof.

Ship Francis, Mr Masfen Mastr Sail'd for Conimere.

Commission and Instructions to Capt William Rider Commander of the Bencolen Friggot for his Voyage to Bencolen on the West Coast of Sumatra. Ship Bencoolen Friggats dispatch and Instructions approved signed and

deliver'd, as also the Bencolen packett.

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FRYDAY A Mo

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNE

M^B NATH: HIGGINSON S^R

M^B JOHN LITTLETON

MR THOMAS WAVELL Mª WILLM FRISER

MR WILL CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY

MR ROBERT FREEMAN Sick.

The President receiveing letters from the french General Mons' Defargy, The french arrived at Pollicherry from Syam wth four Shipps and five hundred Soldiers, Gentrequests for ye deadviseing that he bad discharged and sent the English men brought from Syam, livery of his demanding the three french Soldiers that had obsconded aboard the Williamson, wen abd ye williamson, Williamson, engageing to pardon their faults upon their Returne, whereupon the Commander The Comwas order'd to make strickt enquiry after them, and deliver them up, in consider- mend ras

Justice of their civillity in returning ours. Mr Nathaniel Higginson read and deliverd in his accounts of the mintage Mr Higginduties, upon Particular Persons Gold coyned in the Mint, in the foll Months read.

Coyad in August. Pags 266: 18: at 1 P Ct P. 01: 12:00 September Nil.

October. Pags. 1545: at 1 P Ct P. 07:26:00 Novemb Nil.

December Nil.

Vizt.

January. Pags 3450: 18: at 1 9 Ct ...

Pags. 26:11:00

There appearing some errors in the late Stewards Accts, he haveing not his The Accomdue Credit according to the Particulars of his expences, which upon Examination ptant order'd cant but appear to us to be rightly stated, the Second is therefore orderd to give stewards his acct Creditt for the same provided he makes oath to the truth thereof, The Accts. difference amounting to Pags: [lacuna in the original.]

The priz'd shipp Loretta brought from Bengall being in a leaky condition, Mr Fraser M William Fraser is therefore order'd to advance fourty Pagodas towards the order to advance 40 P. repairing of her &c and that it be accounted for after she is adjudged in the towards re-

Coart of Admiralty wm she belongs to.

The severall merchants and Inhabitants of this Citty being much dissatisfied, Freight to and complaining that the freight on shipp Williamson for Persia were too high, Persia being too high. in so much it has discouraged their Intentio' of Ladeing upon her in consideration, whereof, as is hop'et for, that we may not loose so good a freight and oppertunity, of employing the Compas shipp, Tis therefore thought necessary that orderd yt it the freight of the following goods be for Persia at viz Sugars Allome China Ware with in menat 16 p Cent, and Tutenague 10 p Cent.

Order'd that Page 200 be paid Narso &ca Washers on acct: washing and P. 200 pd

cureing the Rt Honble Compas Cloth.

ELIHU YALE. THO : WAVELL. NAT : HIGGINSON. WILL: FRASER. J. Biggs. WM: CAWLEY. JOHN LITILETON. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Mr John Littleton Warehousekeepr paid in Pags 360 in part of goods sold by 1.

Mr Nathan: Higginson Mintmastr paid in Page 3555 on acct Gold coyn'd in Pd in. ve mint & mintage duties.

Bencolen Friggot Capt Will Rider Command set saile this Evening for 2. Bencoolen.

ation that Capt Heath had obliged himself under his hand for it, as also in orderd to do

tion'd.

Narsoe Washr. [1st]

-FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1688---

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 4.

ELIHU YALE ESOR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR NATH: HIGGINSON

Mª JOHN LITTLETON M^R

MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY. Mª WILLIAM CAWLEY

The whole Councill being duely summon'd.

Brokers neglects & Impositions.

Orderd they

There being many complaints made by the Merchants and Inhabitants of the exactions and neglects of the brokers lately appointed thereto, for the better carrying on and manuagement of trade and encouragement of strangre but proveing unserviceable therein and their brokeridg[e] lookt upon as a new imposition to the dissatisfaction of the people and discouragement of Traffique, Tis order'd that the brokers be discharged by Proclamation from that Imploy, and the care of that Affair be Recommended to the Mayor &co of the Corporation and that they choose two able and trusty men, that may be serviceable therein, allowing them a sufficient yearly sallary, and that only 1 P Cent brokeridge be taken for the Corporation upon all goods that the brokers shall be required to negotiate.

be discharged from ve Imploy. ye affair recommended to ye Mayor &ca. New form of a Pollicy of Insurance approved.

M' Thomas Gray Register of the Insurance Office presented a Pollicy of Insurance with some alteration from the forme of the printed ones, which being found more agreable for the Rt Honbe Compas Insurance, twas approved and orderd to be given to those that desired them upon the Honble Compas tearmes, and for an example, The President desires to be insured to the amt of Pag. 50.0 upon ship Pochester for England at 5 P Cent which the Councill agreed to and Mr Tho: Gray Registr of the Insurance Office orderd to draw up Pollicyes Accordingly, and the Governour to pay the said premio into their Hon's Cash.

Mr Gray orderd to insure 5000 Pa of the Presidents on ye lionble Compas acct at 5 P Mr Littleton orderd to traverse ye redd wood abd ye Ro hester. Complaints abour ye collection of ye quitt rents. Mr Wavell orderd to keep to ye Compas rules

concerning it.

There being two more boats come from the No Wd laden with redd wood for the Rt Honble Compa: M' Littleton is ordered to travers them aboard ship Rocheste [r] and to send some Person aboard to weigh them off since twill cost much more time to doe it ashoare.

The miserable bad times and trade occasions great complaints about the

collecting and paying the ground Quitt rents, and Mr Thomas Wavell the appointed Collector and Assistants, haveing been stricter and larger, therein, then was required by the Honble Compa or us, he is therefore order'd, to keep to those Rules and to receive noe more then 9: fanams for a great house fa: 6: and 3: for small houses in the Gentue town except such as belong to the Cristians, which is according to the Compa express orders.

ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON.

There was never any rate or rule given me to Collect ye quitt rents by ye Governor & Counsill, till ye makeing this { Tho: Wavell. Consultacon.

WM: CAWLEY.

As to my Strickt Collection of ve aforesaid Quitt rents I am) WILL: FRASER. sure if guilty of any thing twas of too much Lenity to vº Inhabitants. T. W.

THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Letter to the French Generall at Pollicherry, congratulateing his safe arrivall to these parts, as also about the freuch men here and the priz'd Shipp Loretta.

Congratulatory letter to ve fronch Generall.

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[5TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON M^{R} MR. MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER THESDAY

MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY. The Councill being duely Summond.

The season growing late for Persia and Shipp James Loyall Captain, and being dis-Curtana, not yet arriveing from China, has disappointed our expectation & Intention of sending the Williamson to Persia, all the goods proper for those parts now in town not being sufficient for her Ladeing, or will near bear the great charge of for Pensia, her demorage. It is therefore around and colored the second for the second her demorage, It is therefore agreed and orderd that if a sufficient Cargo do not patched for arrive by the 10th Instant for Persia, then to dispatch her for the west Coast.

Coast.

Resolveing from the Charecter of her surveigh to dispatch the shipp Rochester Rochester for England by the 15th Instant, the Captain was sent for and acquainted surveyd. The Capt for England by the 13 Instant, the Corporation was the first shipp in readiness by that time, and the order to get this shipp in readiness by that time, and the order to get this in

readiness. keepr order'd

Warehousekeep to make all possible speed in the Ladeing of her, also a note to be Warehouse putt up to give notice to all Persons, that were disposed to lade any Permissive goods upon shipp Rochester for England, that they doe by the 10th Inst^t giveing in ladeing for their Invoices thereof to the Accomptant to be sent home to the R^t Hon^{ble} Company England. upon their Permissive tearmes.

The President delivered in an Invoice of Permissive goods, traverst from the Williamson to ship Rochester for England which is order'd to be sent home.

> ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J. Blags. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. W™: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Passes given to Ship Resistance and Sloop Dolphin Mr Jnº Coventry and 7.

Johannes Baker, masters & Owners.

Mr Robert Freeman, fifth of Councill and Capt of the Citty Train bands dyed Mr Robt this morning of a dropsy after a long and painfull sickness, By Will leaveing fee man hi[s] Eldest Brother Mr Jno Freeman of Smirna his Execu[tor] and Mr John Littleton & Mr Richd Elliot Minister his Overseers.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLIAM CAWLEY ME WILLIAM FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

The Presidents Acct Cash was read in Councill & the ballance examined amt The Presidents Pags 61406: 18:-

M' Freeman late Paymast' Gen'll deceasing ys day, whereby that Imploy is Mr Tho Vacant, & M. Tho: Gray haveing little other buisiness upon him, & being very Paymester. capable thereof, Tis agreed & order'd y' he be appointed to that charge, but

dents Acct

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makeing it his request to the Councill yt he may be discharged thereof upon yo arrivall of M' Juo Cheney web was accordingly agreed to.

Lettr from Mr Hodges at Syam. Receiving letters this day from Mr Wm Hodges at Syam, dated in Aug** 27th & 11th Octobr wherein he recount[s] ye sad condition & great want of money we occasion'd their drawing upon us, two bills of Exe for the support of their lives and charge, Vizt: one payable to Capt Anto Williams for 600 Doll* for 6 cattee reed of him in Syam and the other payable to Capt Cabt Tracy for 200 \$ for 4 Cattee, which the Accomptant is order'd to calculate to the price currant of Dollers, and to give them bills upon the President for Payment thereof after the said Persons have proved their due obedience to His Majesties Proclamation and the Rt Hondo Comp*s orders sent to Syam, and that they are discharg'd by the Coart of Admiralty.

FLIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Lettr from
Duan Basherad Cawn.
demanding
ye rent of
ye town.

Letter from the Duan Basherad Cawn Vizadore of the Golcandah Countrey to the President, giveing great assurances of his freindship and kind assistance on all occasions, also his approbation of our not Paying the Towns rent money, to Mahomed Sadeck &com importunate demands, ordering the Payment thereof to Him, he being receiver Generall, and the Mogulis Duan, and that he would indemnifie us from all future Demands.

Lettr from Conimere. Generall from Conimere dated the 6th Instant wth Invoice and bill ladeing of Ship Francis, on w^m they have laden the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{**} Bales, and y^e rest to send by the Pearle ffriggot.

Mr John Littleton paid in Pags 4611: 28: 4: on Acct of Dollars sold by him

at 171 \$ \$ 10 Pags.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R NATH: H GGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOMAS WAYELL
M^R WILLIAM FRASER M^R WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^R THOMAS GRAY.

Kind lett: from Duan Basherad cawn. Haveing rec⁴ a very kind and favourable Letter from the Duan Basherad Cawn at the Camp, wherein assures us of his Freindship, and kind assistance upon all occasions, and not only approves but commends our not Paying the rent money to Mahomed Sadeek &c⁶ desireing that it be forthwith paid to him or his order, and that for the future, we must pay it to none but the Kings Duan as accustomary in the Mogulls Government, upon due Consideration whereof, [a]nd to prevent future disputes and troubles, Tis agreed that it be paid accordingly to the Duan but that wee waite Tenn dayes, longer for Allebeagues answer concerning it.

A Generall Letter to the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a was read and Approv'd.

Genll to ve Rt Honble Compa. Pa 000 be pd Mr Gray.

Orderd that Pag* 1000 be paid Mr Thomas Gray Paymast to defray the Garrison charges.

ELIHU YALE,
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLEFON.
THO: WAYELL.
Will: Fraser.
Wm: CAWLEY.
Tho: Gray.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

A French ship arrived this day and brought the news of the Bengall fleets News of ye arrivall at Negrais, and two Vessell[s] the Recovery and sloop (lacuna in original) gone to Arrackan wth Capt Heaths letter to the King.

Bengll fleets arrivall at Negrais

Ship Francis arriv'd from Conimere with 188 of the Rt Honble Companyes Bales.

10. Francis from Conimr.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Mª NATH HIGGINSON M^B MB THOMAS WAVELL. MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

MUNDAY 11.

The whole Councill being duely summon'd.

Mr William Fraser Storekeep' his book of Accounts for the month of Septem- Mr Frasers ber and October was read and past.

P 100 be Orderd that Pags 100: be paid the Gunpowder maker for provision of paid ye

Powder. Mr Joseph Safford makeing it his request to returne home for England, twas Mr Saffords granted him, he haveing served out his covenanted time with the Rt Honble Compa so goes by the Rochester paying Pags 26 Permission money.

Gunpowd. request to goe for Engld. granted.

ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROSY Secry.

Letter from Nabob Allee Asher cawn to the President wherein he assures him Letter from of his freindship, and kind assistance on all occasions & kindly resenting the Nabob Alle Presidents letter and congratulations & approveing our paying the Rent money to the Duan, and desires y' M' Freema[n] his worthy old freind be sent to him or some other suitable Person to discourse some weighty Affaires he had to communicate to.

Generall to Conimere of this date approv'd & signed ordering the ladeing the Genil to Rt Hon Die Compas Bale goods on the Rebecca, also the hastning the Porto Novo Coninere. goods by boats if in case the Pearl Friggot should not be in a readiness to bring bas to be them away for the early dispatch of Ship Rochester for England.

Ship Rebecca sailed this afternoon for Conimere to bring the rest of their Rebecca for goods hither.

Ship Resistance Mr John Coventry Master sail'd this evening for Porto Novo

A french sloop arrived this day from Pollicherry and brought a Pcell of the Rt Honble Compas wood.

laden abd ve Rebecca. Atchein. 13. Resistance

for P No:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Sa John Biggs MR NATH: HIGGINSON ME JOHN LITTLETON MR MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY ME THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY 14.

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Mr Cawleys Accts read. Mr William Cawley Land customer his book of Acc* for the month of January was read and past in Councill the Pticulars as followes.

Land Customes						Pags	49:08:95
Weighers duty		•••				,,	00:06:58
Chowltry Custom	ies					,,	81:00:61
Measurers duty	•••					,,	40:29:29
Banksoll Toll			• • • •		•••	,,	1:35:75
Butteck rent			•••			,,	~: 28: 00
Shroffs	•••	•••	•••	•••		,,	-: 28: 00
Cloth Broakers	•••			•••	•••	,,	2:01:21
Fines				•••		,,	10:00:00

Charges Deducted

183: 30: 40 4: 10: 00

Pag* 179: 20: 40

Mr Willcox Acets examin'd. M' Francis Willcox's charges Merchandize that were scrupled at China by M' Salway, but by examination were found that the real amount thereof to be Ta 417: 4: 8: and that there is due to him on that acc' Ta 10:: 6: 3: we'n he was force't to borrow there at lacuna in original PCent advance to be paid here to clear his Acc' M' Salway Supra cargoe of the Caesar from Surrat, by what authority we know not, have taken out of the B' Honbie Compa Cash Ta 373: to satisfie a chineeses unreasonable demands as \$\pi\$ acc' thereof, which we shall write to Surrat about to know ye reasons of such irregular Proceedings, as also that Cap' Henry Burton be called to Acc' for it but in the mean time that the due ballance be paid M' Willcox, according to Acc' and agreement.

Capt Williams being discharg'd in the Coart of Admiratty, It is order'd that

Mr William Hodge's bill amounting to Dollers 300 be paid him pro rate.

The China Shipps not being yet arrived, and therefore not a sufficient freight for the Williamson, to answer her Demorage, and it being also now so very late for that Voyage, that 'twill endanger her Wintering, Tis orderd that she be dispatch't to y' West Coast and to send what men, Cattle stores and necessaryes thither as can be gott in readiness & that y' Warehousekeep' doe buy four chests of Sivill Dollers to send by her.

discharged,
Being late
for Persia:
Williamson
orderd for
the West
Coast.
Mr Fraser
to examine ye
Rochestrs

stowage.

Mr fra

Willcox

commend faotor.

ye ball: to be paid him.

Mr Hodges

bill upon ye Rt Honble

Oomra be

Order'd M' William Fraser Storekeep' do goe aboard ship Rochester & examine her ladeing & storage, takeing along with him some of the shipps Commands for that purpose.

Mr Fra: Willcox produceing his Indenture we find that he has served out his covenanted time of seven years as writer and comments factor the 2^d July last.

which station and Sallary is accordingly order'd bim.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

14.
Pass to
ship
Salamatro
Pearl friggot
arrived.
16.

lettr to ye

Gor, of

Polliet.

Pass given to Ship Salamatrou belonging to Cojee Gregorio whereof Abdul cawder is Pylott.

Pearle Friggot arrived wth 213 of the R^t Honble Compas bales from Porto Novo and Conimere.

Letter from the Honble Laurence Pitt Gover of Pollicat adviseing that the 9 English men were arrived there from Zeilon, desireing some Psons may be sent to Examine and receive them.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESOR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Mª NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS M^R JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL ME WILLIAM FRASER ME WILLIAM CAWLEY MB

SATURDAY 16.

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

The Generall to the Rt Honble Compa concluded & signed and also Capt John Gent to ye Bromwells dispatch.

The Pearle Friggot being arrived from Conimere & Porto Novo, with 213: Pye Rochestr Bales which is all they had in readiness, and the season growing too late to waite Bales and for more, whereby twill hazzard the makeing a winter Voyage, the Warehouse- ye Pearl keep is Order'd to traverse those Bales aboard the Rochester, and to hasten the order to be sortment, of what goods the Merchants have in readiness, and give in a list theread by ye of, to the Accomptant for the drawing up the Invoice on Munday next being the 18: Poebestr. Instant, that the ship may be dispatch'd on Tuesday at furthest.

Chinam or Lime being so very scarce that we cannot procure sufficient for Chinam the reparation of the Garrison & being also very necessary to send some to the orderd yt 20 West Coast to carry on their building there, It is orderd that 20 Tonns of chaulk Tons and a plasterer by trade be sent aboard the Williamson, who understands y makes ent to ye sent to ye.

ing lime, there being plenty of wood at Bencolen.

The President receiving a letter from the Governour of Pollicat, adviseing letter from that 9 Englishmen formerly wrote to Zealon for, are arrived at Pollicat, desires Pollicate some Persons may be sent thither, to examine and receive ym from the dutch, It is therefore order'd that after ye Rochest's departure, Mr Thom's Gray and Mr John Hill doe goe thither for that purpose, carrying the Govern's letter with them, and a sufficient force to secure ye said men hither, they being supposed to be of the Pyrats crew & that upon their arrivall they be confin'd & try'd by the Coart of Admiralty.

Mr Robt Freeman late Paymaster his Accts for the Moe of Jany were read by Mr. freemans M. John Littleton his Overser & past in Councill & the ball: Pags 815: 25: 13 to Accts were read & past. be Accounted for by Mr Thos Gray the succeeding Paymast.

Charges Garrison	 	 Pags.	883: 05: 8
Charges Generall	 	 ,,	390:30: 3
Charges Merchandize	 	 ,,	31:20:-
Factors Provisions	 	 21	70:00:-
Acct plate	 	 **	30; 0:-
Charges Diet	 	 ,,	246:24: 3
Charges Cattle	 •••	,,	12:29:-
West Coast	 •••	 ,,	350:05:4
Fortifications & Repaires	 	 ,,	139: 20: -
Expedition to Bengall	 	 ,,	76:10:1
Voyage Tonqueen	 	 "	10:00:-

Pags 2241: 20: 5

ELIHU YALF. NAT · HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. T'HO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

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MUNDAY 18.

No Consultation. The Councill being buisy about the dispatching the ship Rochester for England.

19. Madrass frigt arrived from Wst Coast. Madrass Friggot Cap[†] John Spencer Commander arrived from the West Coast, with letters but noe pepper.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 19. ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R NATH: HIGGINSON S^R JOHN BIGGS
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOMAN WAVELL
M^R WILLIAM FRASE M^R WILLIAM CAWLEY
M^R

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Royall James & Ja: pinck dispatcht for England,

Bills of Exca. granted Mr. Higgin-

son,

The Madrass Friggot arriveing y* day from y* W** Coast bro* us packetts from the R* Honbie Comp* & y** adviseing of sh** Roy** James & pinck James dispatch for England & Loy** M** rot* for China fully loaden w** pepp* y** they had nothing left to send upon y** Madrass Frigg* excepting a few balls of Eur** goods, w** y** Warehousekeep** is order'd to unlade & the R** Honbie Comp** lett** & pap*** ** the Persia Merch**: be duely examined after ship hochest* is gone for England.

M' Nath: Higginson desireing bills of Exc for Pa: 2537: \(\frac{1}{2} \): to remitt home for England payable to the widdow Susana Beard at 9 \(\frac{1}{2} \) Pag : It is orderd that

they be given him.

ELIHU YALE.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
J. BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Rebecca from Confinere. 21. Deld Capt Bromwels dispatch. 23. Rochestr set saile, ship from

Pullicherry.

James from Maccaw.

Loyall Capt from

Maccaw.

24

25.

Ship Rebbecca arrived this morning from Conimere with 188 of the R^t Hon^{be} Comp^{as} Bales and brought a Generall from the Oneif &cⁿ there adviseing of their troubles, and that they would use all possible dilligenc[e] to hasten in their goods.

Deliver'd Cap^t Bromwell his dispatch for England as also the Packett to the

R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a and the bagg of Particulars, desireing his hastning off.

Ship Rochester, Cap^t John Bromwell Command sett saile this morning for

England, the want of water and a fair wind staying him.

A french ship arrived this morning from Pullicherry, being bound for Bengall.

Ship James Capt Henry Burton arrived this morning from Macaw in China

wth Mr Jno Cheney & Mr Thomas Yale.

Ship Loyall Captain Capt Francis Eldred arrived from Macaw in China wth M' Hattsell Supra Cargoe.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

Munday 25. ELIHU YALE ESQ⁸ PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUE
M⁸ NATH: HIGGINSON S² JUHN BIGGS
M⁸ JOHN LITTLET-IN M⁸ THO: WAVELL
M⁸ WILLE FRASER M⁸ W⁸: CAWLEY

Mª THOMAS GRAY.

Lettr from ye King of Bencolen. The King of Bercolen haveing sent the President a lett' by some of his people, upon the Madrass Friggot, Mr William Fraser is orderd to receive and entertain

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them ashoar, and that they be returnd on the Williamson from whence they Mr Fraser to came, with the rest of the Mallayes they so kindly spared the Success Friggot for entertaine ye her voyage hither.

aboard.

The Pearle Friggot and Madrass Friggot being much out of repair, and there The Pearl & being now noe other place for us to fitt them in, excepting Vizagapatam, Madrass frigt Tis orderd that they be sent thither, with a stock of money and goods to the am': pair. of 25000 Pagodas for a new Investment and after their repaires, and fitting, they Orderd for be sent up hither, with what goods they shall have in readiness for the early wta astock. dispatch of a ship home for England.

A letter in answer to Jehan Bawder Cawn Nabob of Bengall approved, letter to wherein was duely represented many insufferable injuries and provocations, the Bawder Rt Honble Company have had for the carrying on this Warr, wherein themselves Cawn Nabob have been the greatest agressors and we the greatest sufferers, also exemplifyed of Bengall. the great advantage of our trade with offers to resettle our Factories provided he would graunt the Rt Honble Compas tearmes.

Our Particular Ship James being arrived from Macaw in China, with returnes Mr Littleton of the Rt Honble Compas adventure thither, which the Warehousekeep is orderd unload and to send for ashoar to repack and lade them aboard the Williamson for England.

orderd to repack ye

Orderd that Pags 327: 24: be paid Musla for 98000 Rattans, bought of him Hattans at Pag* 3: 12: * mill.

bought for

M' John Hill being taken out of the Receivers place in the custome house to Mr. Roberts goe upon the Syam expedition with assurance to be putt in againe upon his return to succeed in and M. Gabriel Roberts haveing left it upon his goeing to England 'Tis order'd ve [sic]. that he be resettled and officiate that office in the Custome house.

> ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J : Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

This night about seven a clock, unhappily drove ashoare the prize'd shipp Loretta, and the all means was used, could not save her.

26. Ship Loretta drove ashoar.

This Evening Mr Thomas Gray Mr John Hill and Mr Thomas Mackreeth sett 27. out for Pollicat in order to the examination of the 9 English men came from for Pollicat. Zealoan and carry'd a letter from the President to Laurence Pitt Governour of Pollicatt.

Mr Gra y &ca

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THO: WAVELL MR WILL FRASER MR WM : CAWLEY MR THO: GRAY gone to Pollicat.

THURSDAY

Generall letters to Surrat, giveing the Generall &ca an Acct of our Affaires to Litter to this time, and Conimere read & past.

Do. to Viza-

Letter to Vizagapatam read and approved, ordering that Pags 15000 be sent gapatam. them on the Pearl ffriggot, Pags 5000 in Silver and 5000 in Europe goods and a Pipe of Canary, as also that John Oneal, Thomas Stables, and Henry Crook be sent for their Assistants.

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Haveing lately received letters from Asser Alle beague the Mogulls Seer lascar of this Country, wherein he freindly advises us, the paying the townes rent mony, also receiving a letter from Basherad cawn, y° Mogulls Duan & generall Receiver of this countreys Rents Demanding our last years rent money, & that we must pay it to himself, It being his charge & employment to receive y° Mogulls revenues, & in consideration, we have had many troubles some demands about it, Tis now agreed and orderd, y¹ Pag² 1200 be accordingly sent him, he being greatly recommended to us by our Egib for a man of great Interest in the Mogulls Coart, as also of considerable power here advises us to engage his freindship by a present when he has bin long in expectation of, Tis therefore thought fitt and orderd that a Present be made him of 250 Pag² in cloth and Rarietyes.

Pags 1200 be paid to ye Duan for yt towns rent. also a Present be sent.

orders to ye Custome house. Orderd that Mr Francis Charlton be assist to the Searcher, and Tho: Jardin to y Receiver at y Sea Custome house, and since there is not that due attendance given as ought to be at the Custome house, Tis order'd that w'ever officer shall be absent from his place & duty the appointed time from 8 to 11 in the morning & from 2 to 4 in the Evening such persons shall pay half of a Pago, half whereof to the Comp & half to the informer, for every such neglect, when there is buisiness and Shipping road, and Mr Swynoke is appointed to receive the same, and that one or two of the officers to lodge each night in y Custome house.

relation of the priz'd Ship Loretta. Upon Tuesday night the 26th Inst: there happned a sad'accident of the Syam shipp running ashoar the same that was seiz'd by Cap' Heath in Bengall & sent up hither as prize, and yet in dispute in the Coart of Admiralty, betwixt the French and the R' Honble Comp': about the legallity of the seizure, and M' Will's Fraser being appointed Storekeeper with the charge of our Shipping, the care of her being particularly recommended to him as \$\mathbb{H}\$ our former Consultations, who being examined ab' y's unhappy Loss & y'e occasion of it, gave us for answer, y' he has supplied her w'ever y'e Mastr &c's required of him, altho she had but one cable aboard her yet they never complain'd to him of y's want of another or y'e badness of y': The Cap's also declares y' y'e cable was good & sound, therefore doubted twas occasion'd by a french trick, one of their shipps rideing by her. The Judge & Justices of the Admiralty declar'd they have deferr'd their Judgem's about her, in expectation of some \$\mathbb{H}\$sons from Mons' Martin to defend their pretentions, & the there was all possible care taken to preserve her after her breaking loose, but noe endeavours could prevent it, the we had y'e advice & assistance of severall Europe Command" ab' it, but in this bad buisiness twas well there was not any lost or hurt, being an empty craz'd ship, M' Fraser is order'd to save w's he can of her rack, or else that she be sold at a publick sale.

Mr fraser order'd to wt he can of ye w[r]ack & put to publick ontery.

ELIHU YALE.

NAT: HIGGINSON,
J: BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

WILL; FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

March 2. Sloop Princess William Adams Master arrived from Porto Novo with 75 Bales of the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss}.

Genl from Conimere. Generall from Conimere dated the 26th ultimo, adviseing that the Avaldar, still continuing very troublesome in hindring the Merchants and stopping the provisions from comeing in, and desires some Gunpowder Musquets and swords may be sent them.

M^r Tho: Gray, M^r John Hill & M^r Tho^s Mackreeth return'd from Pollicat, with a letter from y^o Commissary to the President and brought with them the nine English men came from Zeilon.

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Sloop Beaufort, Edwards Master arrived from Arrackan, adviseing of the Bengall Fleet being there and their Intentions of comeing here suddainly haveing effected nothing there nor at Chettegam.

[3RD] Sloop Beaufrom Arrackan.

Shipps Defence, Capt William Heath Command: Resolution Capt Sharp, Recovery Capt Hampton & Merge Friggot, Capt Barwick arrived from Arrackan &ca with the Agent &ca of the Honble Compa Servants of Bengall, and bring news

Ships Defence &oa. arrived from Bengall.

of the rest following them without Success.

Rec^d a Generall from M^r Ralph Ingram &c^a at Porto Novo dated the 23th ultm^o adviseing that they had laded 75 Bales of the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} abord the Sloop Princess.

ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESOR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILLIAM HEATH ME THOMAS WAVELL ME WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

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Capt William Heath on the Defence, the Resolution Capt Will Sharp the Capt Heath Recovery Capt John Hampton and the Mergee Friggot, Capt Barwick being arrived was desired to give an by way of Chettegam, And Arrackan, Capt Heath was desired to give in an Acct and acct of the Dyary of his Voyage and proceedings to and from Bengall, and how farr he had his Com. discharg'd the Commission given him, that we may advise to England and Surrat missn. thereof.

M' Thomas Gray Paymaster is order'd to send for all the Soldiers ashoare all ye soldr from aboard ye severall shipps arrived, giveing in a muster role of them, that they for from may be noe longer a trouble and charge aboard and enter them into their usuall pay abod. here, disbanding as many of the weakest mustees soldiers as we receive of English men, If they refuse to goe to yo West Coast.

Mr William Fraser Storekeeper is orderd to call ashoar all the supernumerary Mr Fraser seamen aboard and muster the severall ships Company, and to supply the Compas ships with what shall be wanting, and to take a list of all the Stores they brought from Bengall on the severall Shipps, and hasten them ashoar or supply the Compas ships with what they want of them.

call ashoar all ye Supernumerary Seamen supply ye

Compas

Mr John Littleton, Warehousekeep' is order'd to enquire of the Agent &ca and Mr Littleton all the Commandre & pursers &ca what goods and Merchandize they brought from take a list Bengal[1] of the Rt Honble Compas on their Ships, that a right Acctt thereof may and acct of

ships with what they shall want.

be collected and sent for ashoar and disposed into the Warehouses, they being they brought, confusedly laden, and noe Invoices or Acct sent us. The secretary is order'd to take a list of all the Rt Honble Compas servants that Secry orderd

Compas Servants.

came from Bengall, as also of their degrees and standings, and to give ym the best list of ye accomodation the Fort affords.

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[4TH] Warehouse unlade ye Sloop

keepr order to Princess.

Ship Loretta to be a legall prize.

Mr Cheney into this

readmitted Oouncill.

Coart of

Adw.

The Judge and Justices of the Admiralty doe this day declare before the Councell that ye Syam Ship Loretta, Capt William Heath sent up hither, from Bengall to be a legall prize from the King of Syam, Mr William Fraser is therefore order'd to survey her and give in report thereof to the Councill, that we may proceed accordingly either to have her up or off if possible, if not that she be exposed to a publick sale or broke up.

Mr John Cheney being arrived from China was sent for and acquainted with the Rt Hondo Companys favour in readmitting and settling him in his former station in this Councill which is agreed to be next below MT Thomas Wavell, being the same degree he was in, when he was dismist the Councill.

Orders to ye There being great buisiness depending in the Coart of Admiralty, and not such punctuall attendance given there as ought to be, Tis agreed and orderd by us The President and Councill, that who ever of the Judge or Justices of said Coart does not appear there precisely by nine of the clock in the morning on the appointed Coart dayes without an absolute necessity or great reason prevent, shall forfeit five Pag's for every such default, one half whereof to come to the Honble Comp' and the other towards the Coart Charges.

ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM CAWLEY.

THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Porto Novo, aboa[r]d y Sloop Princess.

Diamond arrived, 6. Ship James arrived. Princess arrived.

Dyamond Friggot, Capt Herne Comd: arrived from Arrakan.

Ship James, Capt Abraham Roberts arrived from Atchein.

Ship Princess, Capt Joseph Haddock arrivd from Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURS-DAY 7.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNE MR NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS MR JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILLM HEATH MR THOMAS WAVELL Mª WILLM: FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY Mª THOMAS GRAY.

debated on ye dispose of ye Rt Hon Compas Shiping.

Orderd they be muster'd & surveyd. & a true Valluation be made

on ym.

Haveing duely consider'd and debated upon ye last Proposalls, about the disposall of the Rt Honble Compas Shipping now with us, Viz the Defence Capt William Heath Commander, the Princess Capt Joseph Haddock, Capt William Sharp: on the Resolution & Capt Stephen Ashby on the Williamson, Charterparty Shipps, and the R¹ Hou^{ble} Comp⁵⁵ own Shipping, ye Recovery, Madrass, Pearle, Dyamond, Success, Merge Friggots, the Madapollam, and Beaufort Sloops, which said Ships and Vessells being now brought into our Stock and under our charge, Tis orderd that before wee send them upon any Voyage or repaires, they be duly muster'd and survey'd, by the severall Commanders Masters and Carpenters now with us, and that a true value be made and taken of them and their stores, and accordingly enterd into our books, and after to dispose them when they are fitted, as Followes Vizt.

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The Williamson and Resolution with three small Vessells more for the West The Williamson Coast, the two first to bee laden home from thence with Pepper, which wee Judge son Resolution &coa will be as much as they cann undertake, the other three either to remaine in service for the there, or be return'd us with Pepper, and that by the two Shipps be sent Twelve West Coast. chests of Dollers, eighty Soldiers, with what other stores Materialls for building 12 Chest 3 as bricks Timbers, Provisions &c* necessaryes procureable here, and that the cost of the cos Williamson being now laden, be immediately dispatch't, and the others to follow as soon as possible, one of the other Charter party Shipps, If the Persia Merchant another to arrives not in time, to be let to freight upon a voyage to China, which we doubt for China, not may be sufficient to clear her demorage with advantage, and employ her time, till wee can provide a ladeing to dispatch her for England in January next, the other Charterparty Ships to remaine or be sent to the southward for graine &ca The other hopeing wee shall be able to procure her a Cargoe to lade her for England to remaine. by June or July next, and ye Pearle and Madrass Friggots, as before orderd to proceed to Vizagapatam to repaire there, and bring up their goods and grain from One ship thence, the others of the small Vessells Viz: one Shipp, one Ketch and a sloop to sent down be sent down to carry on the warr in Bengall, to stop their trade and Salt boats, to carry re and persecute their people, and places to bring them to the R' Honble Compss Warr in Bengall.

tearmes of satisfaction and accomodation, which we hope may have as good success, as our late numerous chargeable fleet has had, The remaining Vessells to be employ'd on this Coast for graine or as occasion offers.

The Mergee Friggot the other priz'd Ship Capt Wm Heath seiz'd in Bengall, Mergee being now arrived, Tis orderd that the Judge and Justices of the Admiralty doe adjudged. examine the legality of the seizure and pass sentance accordingly, and in the mean time, Mr William Fraser doe take all due care of her according to the charge

of his employment.

Agent Charnock, His Councill and the severall Factors and writers to the Compas number of twenty eight Persons being arrived from Bengall, who haveing from laden in a their disturbances and suddain surprizeing departure thence laden the Rt Honble harry. Compas concernes & remaines in great Confusion, upon the severall Shipps, of we we have received neither Invoices or bills of Ladeing, Tis therefore orderd that Orderd yt ye each Command shall give a list of what they have aboard, as also their severall sevi Comreceipts given by the officers of the Shipping, and that they be duely listed and give a list of compared, and that the Agent of Bengall do appoint some of their own people to wt they brought. receive the R^t Hon ble Compas goods ashoare, and take charge of ym takeing a true Acc' thereof, and that all goods and stores be justly examined and Vallued before delivery that this place may be justly charged with noe more, either of Ships Vessells, Goods or Stores then w' we really receive.

Tis further orderd for the greater Safety and Expedition of our buisiness. that all the Compas hipps now arrived from the Bay doe unlade the Honble Compas goods and stores aboard them (The Resolution excepted, she haveing most of the Europe goods aboad her) upon Shipp Recovery, Capt John Hampton Command: takeing receipts for the same, and that ye severall ships doe make use of their own boats for the traverseing their goods, our Masulas, being few and great

The designe of sending our fleet to assault Mergee was againe renew'd, considerd and debated, the Honble Compa being inclin'd thereto as # their Generall of Mergee. the [lacuna in the original] and all circumstances agreeing wth the report then erroniously raised by the french, The King and Phaulkon cutt off, and the great revolutions and distractions in that Countrey and Government give great opportunity of assaulting and conquering Mergee, which there is little doubt of effecting, but the greatest difficulty appears to us, is the keeping and maintaining it, as by the great and sad experience the french have had in the fort of Bankoke, where they were extreamly well fortified with near 600 well train'd Europe Soldiers, notwithstanding which, they were at last forc't to a mean surrender thereof, and to a poor & ignoble flight from Mergee, in weh they lost many of their men, all their treasure & ammunition, so that there is little hopes of better success from

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our small & unexperienced numb" but tis recommended to further Consideration, whether we shall not send one ship either to Syam or Mergee to demand the Rt Honble Compas debts from the new King and satisfaction for the many wrongs & Injuries we have receiv'd from the old King and his Minister Constant Phaulkon, as also to fetch off Mr William Hodges and the rest of the English remaining at Syam (which are about eighty Persons, and Merge, or else to continue warr with them.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Success arrived.

Genl to Conimere. 11 Dispatches delivered.

The Success Friggot Capt Thomas Waltrope Command arrived from Rengall.

Generall to Conimere approv'd sign'd & dispatch't.

Passes To Shipps Triblicane and Mahamadat belonging to Maucumdum Nina, Inhabitant.

Deliverd Capt James Perryman Command of the Pearle friggot his dispatch and packett for Vizagãp:

Deliverd Capt Edwards, Command of the Beaufort Sloop the packet to Conimere

which was approved and signed.

A bill putt up for the sale of the Loretta.

These are to give notice that on Thursday next the 14th of this Instant March betwixt the hours of Ten and Twelve will be exposed to publick Outcry at the Sea gate of the Custome house. The wrack of the Rt Honble Compas prize Ship Loretta, which all Fsons are free to bid and buy for ready money.

By order of the President & Councill.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 11.

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Genl do

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOB CHARNOCK ME NATH: HIGGINSON SR JOHN BIGGS M^B JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILLM HEATH CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK Mª THOMAS WAVELL Mª WILL FRASER ME WILLIAM CAWLEY ME THOMS GRAY.

french de-The french Generall Mons' defargy at Pollicherry makeing demands upon the manding ye prized Syam prized Syam Shipp the Merge, Capt Heath seiz'd and brought from Bengall, Tis ship. order'd that he bring what evidence procureable into the Coart of Admiralty, Tis order'd that they may Judge the legality of that seizure. yt it be first try'd in ye

The money paid in China by Mr Salway Supra Cargo of Shipp Cæsar from Surrat, upon a Chineeses pretended demand against Capt Burton for tea sent by The Attorney him, Tis orderd that the Attorney Generall doe charge said Capt therewith and charge Capt that the Judge and Justices of the Coart of Admiralty doe examine and determine ye money pd the same.

The charge and protect against Capt Labn Spencer Command of the Madrass

The charge and protest against Capt John Spencer Command of the Madrass his acct. Protest agt Friggot given him at the West Coast was read to him as also severall other Com-Capt Spencer was read to plaints from the Governour & of Bencolen for his misdeameanours, and

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irregular proceedings there to the disappointment of a considerable Freight of pep from thence.

M' Thomas Gray Paymaster is order'd to hire some convenient house to lodge the R' Honble Compas servants in, now come from Bengall being thirty eight ordered to Persons, that they may have conveniency to settle their destracted Accts and longer to the convenience of the convenie affaires & to take a true acct of the goods stores &ca brought wth them and that their Servis. Condition and Vallue be reported.

M' Bartholomew Rodrigoes and Compa delivering the Following Pap' to the Mr.Rodri-Councill, proposeing to take Shipp Princess of Denmark upon freight to China, we posal for a we acquainted them we intended the Persia Merch^t for that Voyage if she arrived freight to time enough for it, otherwise we should lett or send upon Freight, either ye China. Defence or Princess of Denmark to China which being equally good would be alike serviceable to them, therefore desired them to referr that choice to us but they declared they had concluded for reason among themselves upon the Princess, if they could agree upon the tearmes of freight, she being also the lesser Ship, and therefore might bee cheaper to them, which being of equal concerne to the Honble Compa the question, only remain'd whether wee should according to their desires treat with them abt the freightmt of said shipp to China, which being proposed, twas agreed to by the Councill, soe desireing the Jewes to consider well of the buisiness and to meet again in the Evening, when we should discourse further about it, and make our proposalls, which y' President haveing made a calculation of, according to the stock supposed may goe upon her, offer'd her sole freight to China to them for 25000 Pags: which they seemed to be startled at, but the President brought it very near to that amount according to accustomary freights, wen they desired time, also to calculate and consider of.

ELIHU YALE. NAT: HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER. WM CAWLEY. THO : GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

TO THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT &CA COUNCILL IN FORT ST GEORGE. Honrd Sr & Gentlemen.

Wee haveing a considerable stock of money by us at Present, designe a Voyage to China, and therefore before we enter upon treaty for any other ship (out of Respect to the R' Honble Comp") we desire first to know of your Hon's and Councill, weather you are pleased to lett us out upon freight the Rt Honble Companys ship the Princess of Denmark, and upon what tearmes, being willing to make a contract for that Yoyage, and have also thoughts upon her returne to employ her on another Voyage to Persia, If your Honrs and Councill shall then think fitt to make a further contract for the same, Though at present wee can't possitively oblige ourselves thereunto so desireing Your Hon's and Councills answer to this our request as soon as you conveniently can, The season for the Voyage growing near, Wee crave leave to subscribe ourselves.

> Honble Sr and Gentlemen. Your most Humble Servants

> > BARTH: RODRIGUES. Dom: DoPorto. ALVARO: DAFONSECA.

March ye 11th 1688.

Passes to Ship Conimere Merchant and men at Porto Novo, Antony Pennistone Master bound for Atchein.

Ship Triblicane set saile this evening for Porto Novo.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 14.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^B Job CHARNOCK MR NATH: HIGGINSON SE JOHN BIGGS M^e John Littleton CAPT WILLM: HEATH CAPT MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLM: FRASER. MR WILLM: CAWLEY MB

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

The President Acct Cash read.

The President read his Acct Cash for the month of Feby the Ball examined amounting to Pag 58988: 12; 2.

The Saphir Friggot Capt Thomas Lucy Commander arriveing this day from Tonqueen with a Ladeing from thence but most damaged Europe goods which the Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade as soon as possibly, and take a particular acct thereof, both as to the quantity and their condition.

The warehousekeepr to unlade ye Saphir friggot. Capt Heath delivers an acct of his transaction in ye Bay.

Agent Charnock &ca

were desired

to give in an

acct of their charge.

Capt William Heath upon his arrivall here being orderd to give us an acct of the discharge of his Commission and the Dyary of his proceedings and actions in Bengall to send home to the Rt Honble Company, who accordingly now delivers in three Papers, being a breif acct of some Passages in the Bay, and returne hither Via Chettegaum and Arrackan, referring to his former letters to us, declareing that that was all the acct he can give of that Affair, which papers were read in Councill, and order'd to be transcribed and sent home to the Rt Honble Compa by the first oppertunity, Agent Charnock and his Councill were also desir'd to give in an Acct of their charge and opinions of the state of Affaires in the Bay to their leaveing it, for which purpose Capt Heaths papers were deliverd the Agent for his perusall, desireing he would give the Rt Honble Compa their sence of the late proceedings, as well for their present satisfaction, as future remedy.

Capt Heath was also orderd to make up his Acct: of the expences and charges Capt Heath orderd to in this his Voyage and expedition to the Bay, as also of the cash and stores disposed make up his acct & charge of by him, and to make up the severall shipps & soldiers accts; that the charge of of his

his expedition may be brought into one Account.

Capt Heaths Doctor of the Defence haveing Petitioned for satisfaction for his trouble in the looking after the sick soldiers aboard, which his Command confirming to us in his certificate of his good services therein Tis order'd that Pags 15 be given him for his care and expence of his Physick.

given to ye Defences surgeon for his care of ye Capt Ashhys acct to be

examined &

1000 Dollers

paid.

Voyage.

P. 15 he

Cap' Stephen Ashby produceing a paper under Cap' Heath's hand, ordering his receiving aboard 18 french men that belong'd to the priz'd Syam Shipp Loretta, seiz'd in Bengall, delivers an Acct of their charges up hither at 6° a head \$\psi\$ diem amounting to£: 24:04: which the storekeep is order'd to examine and discharge the same, if it appears soe.

Capt Ashby also desireing 1000 Dollers for charges of Fitting his Shipp, is orderd to be paid him according to Charterparty Agreement, giveing his receipt

for the same.

be paid. Capt Ashby on Chartr Py Mr Rodrigoes &ca offering Pags 12000 for ye whole fret of ship

Princess.

Mr Bortholomew Rodrigoes, and Company giveing in their answer about the freightment of ship Princess of Denmark, wherein they offerr 12000 Pag^s for the whole freight of her to China, & that that was the uttmost they could give, according to the stock they had to send, and freight they could procure by their best and earnest endeavours, which being consider'd of and debated, The Councill by Majority of Voates came to this resolution, that if they wou'd not give 17000 Pags for her freight to China, that one of the Two shipps shall goe upon a Voyage to China upon the usuall freights, and Condition, whereon the Jewes and others should have the liberty to lade what they pleased, which was beleived might be as advantagious to the Rt Honble Compa as a single contract for the whole shipp to any particular Person.

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Cap' Heath also deliverd in proposalls for the takeing his Shipp upon freight Capt Heath's to China, which was also debated, but found too conditionall, as well as to the take his ship summe considering the difference of their Tonnage and Demorage of his shipp, as upon fret. also the Confineing us from sending any other of the R' Honbie Compa ships to China, which Could not be admitted of, since we doubted there will be a necessity for it, if the Persia Merchant arrive from Sumatra as expected, both their proposalls are enter'd next after this Consultation, Mr Rodriguez &ca: were sent for and acquainted wth our resolution about Shipp Princess, leaveing it to their further considerations.

There being two Compas of Soldiers in ye Garrison and four more now brought Regulateing the Garrison us by the Bengall Shipping with many supernumerary officers at very great charge soldiers. to lessen, which the Governour proposed yt the Portuguez and Topasses formerly in the Garrison who refused serving the Honble Compa any where but at ys place that they be disbanded, but that the Portuguez and Topasses that returnd from the Bay should be continued in service for their encouragement, haveing by their Character of their Command's discharged their duties readily and well, and that the six Compas be now reduced to four. The Commandrs officers &ca to be as foll and noe more Viz.-

First Company. JAMES BETT CAPT LEIVE HENY SEAMAN ENSIGNE.

4 Sergeants.

4 Corporalls. 4 rounders.

Sentinells.

Second Company.

FRANCIS SEATON LEIV' John Crookshanks Ense

4 sergeants.

4 Corporalls.

4 Rounders.

Sentinalls.

Third Company. ZOUCH TROUGHTON LEIV at pay his factors sallary & accomodation being also continued to him.

JAMES HINTCHMAN Ensig:

4 sergeants.

4 Corporalls.

4 Rounders. Sentinalls.

Fourth Company. HENRY SINCKLER LEIV'

EDWD BARRON Enss : 1 Pay.

4 Sergeants.

4 Corporalls.

4 Rounders.

Sentinalls.

And that two of these Compa to mount the gaurds each day to be passed Viz a Orders con-Leivt: and half of a Company in the Fort, the other half of the Compa with ye cerning it. Ensigne to be devided to St Thomas's Gate James Bulwork, Charles point and the sea Gate, the other Company a Leivtenant with half the Compa to be devided to the Chowltry gate, Middle gate, York and Gloster Points, The Ensigne and other half of the Company to be posted at the out gaurds, at the Bridge and Citty Gates and the severall other redoubts. Besides which Leivtenant Walter Kennida and fourty Soldiers are drawn out to send to Bencoolen upon the Williamson, and twenty Soldiers with a Sergeant to Conimeer flactory, & that fourty more be sent to the West Coast by the Resolution as well to supply that place and lessen the charge of yt but that the remaining forces be continued in the Garrison till the Government is better settled and times less troublesome and dangerous.

ELIHU YALE. NAT : HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON.

THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER.

WM CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry. 4

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Mr Rodrigoes answer to ye Presidents &oa demds. Mr Rodrigues &c° answer to the Presidents &c° demands for y° freightment of Ship Princess Viz.

TO THE HONBUR PRESIDENT ELIHU YALE ESQR

&c. Councill In Fort ST George.

Honble Sr & Gentlemen

Haveing considerd on your Hon¹⁸ and Councills demands as to the freightment of ship Princess of Denmark to China, We find them to exceed what we are able to give, nevertheless resolve to make Your Hon¹⁸ and Councill a proffer of what wee think may be reasonable on both sides, which is Twelve Thousand Pagodas to be paid here at the arrivall of said Shipp from Amoy to this place, Wee obliging ourselves to give the Commander his dispatch by the Twentieth of December next at farthest, weh proposall regaurding the charge we shall be at of measureing the Ship, Presents &c.*. Wee hope may be worth your Hon¹⁸ &c.* Councills Consideration it being what we Judge the stock that may goe on her will bare, soe hopeing your Hon¹⁸ and Councill will please to favour us with Your Answer hereunto For our Government Wee remaine,

Honble Sr & Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servants,
BARTHS RODEIGUEZ.
DOÑ DEPORTO.
ALVARO DA FONSECA.

Capt Heaths proposall. Cap* William Heaths Proposalls for a Voyage to be made to China by the Ship Defence. That if the Hon^{blo} President and Councill will set said shipp up at the sea gate, declareing that all Merchants have liberty to lade and take their Passage if they please at the usuall rates, and that she shall certainly proceed, then if the aforesaid ship makes not 12000 Pag* freight at her returne I will be obliged to make up see much, and if she makes more it shall be all the R^t Hon^{blo} Comp^{as} Otherwise I doe offer 14000 Pag* certainly, both w^{ch} offers and proposalls is provided that noe other of the R^t Hon^{blo} Comp^{as} Europe Shipps be permitted to goe.

This humbly conceive may be for the Rt Honble Compa Interest while its thought noe more then one Ship can be disposed of that Way.

March 18th 168s. WILLIAM HEATH.

16. 18. Ship Francis, M' Robert Masfer, Master set saile this morning for Atchein.

Ship Resistance, M' Caleb Tracy Master arrived this morning from Porto
Novo.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 18. ELIHU YALE ESQ^E PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^E NATH: HIGGINSON. S^B JOHN BIGGS
M^E JOHN LITTLETON. CAP^E WILL^M HEATH
CAP^T JOSEPH HADDOCK. M^E THOMAS WAVELL
M^E WILLIAM CAWLEY. M^E WILLIAM FRASER.
M^E WILLIAM CAWLEY. M^E

The Councill being duely Summon'd.

french Genl letter of demand of ye Mergee frig-Sot. Letters from the french Generall Mons' defarge at Pollicherry, demanding that the Mergee friggot taken and brought hither by Cap' Heath, may be return'd him alleadging that she was legally taken by the french Kings forces from their Enimies the Syamers, we'h letters were deliver'd to the Judge Advocate &c' who were desired legally to examine the buisiness & give their Judgement thereon as soon as pessibly and y' the President doe advise the french Generall accordingly; also that the severall Commanders of our ships doe give in their true reports of their usage of the french soldiers in the Bay and in their passage hither. The Generall complaining to the President thereof.

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Letters from Basherad Cawn the Mogulls Duan in answer to the Presidents Letter from letter with the rent money, wherein he discants upon the smallness of our rent ye Duan Bas-hered C wa. and present, in consideration of the great Proffits & revenues we made of the place, which now was under the Mogulls Dominion, and therefore not to be as in the King of Golcondas time, His Cheif designe herein being to gett a greate present from us, which being well consider'd of, is resolv'd not to conceed to, since it can doe us little kindness & may encourage their exactions.

The Duans Messenger a great Moorman that was sent with the letter and to discourse discourse more particularly in this occasion, was sent for and civilly treated, who wth ye duans Mesafter many stories and magnifying his Masters interest and Power in the Mogulls senger: Coart and this Countrey, the President told him, that we were and should be very desireous to continue the Duans freindship, which we hope he would not deny us in Consideration of the many great advantages our Settlements and trade brought to the Countrey and that he was misenformed of our proffitts by it, the Revenues not defraying half the charge we were at in maintaining it and the poor, however twas our own, given us by the grant of severall Kings and soly raised and built by the Rt Honble Compas charge from a barren Sand, which we should defend against all opposers of our Right, and soe dismist the Moor wth calmer thoughts, and expectations then he brought.

The nine English men that were suspected to bee Pyrats, lately brought from Pollicat, haveing been some time under confinement and strictly examined in the Coart of Admiralty, but noe confession or evidence appearing against them as to matter of fact they still resolutely persisting in the deayall of committing any Pyracyes, but that they belong d to an Interloper, and left her at Zeiloan, but Judge advothere being too much reason to believe them to be Pyratts, and being advised by cates advice. the Judge of the Admiralty, that there is noe other course or means left to discover their Guilt but by pardoning two of them to wittness against the rest, and the yt 2 of ye Py-Judge haveing some private notice that they were inclinable to confess on condition rats be pardon'd to disof Pardon, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that according to His Majesties cover ye rest. Charter a pardon be granted, and that afterwards their Examination be taken in work is accordingly the Coart of Admiralty, and that ye rest be tryed by a Coart Martiall, if there be orderd. cause found against them.

Capt Stephen Ashby, being upon his dispatch to the West Coast, complaines Capt Ashby's that his Ship is very weakly mann'd, therefore desires the Councill to supply request for him with such a number of men as may enable him to performe that unhealthy more men.

Voyage, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that Ten soldiers or seamen be spared him, he paying Pag' 26 each for ye charges the Rt Honble Compa haveing been at.

for their sending out of England.

Raja Ralupa [Lacuna in the original] of Bencoolen haveing Voluntarily spared Raja Ralupa the Rt Honble Compa eighteen of their Mallayes for the assistance and transport of spareing ye the Madrass ffriggot hither free of all wages, for which kindness M. Bloom desired Compa some they may be curteously entertained here, and upon their returne to gratifie them men. with a small present, to encourage others of their people to serve the R' Honble Comp^a upon the like occasion, and they haveing often requested the President to lend them 1000\$ to lay out in goods proper for those parts, which he as often excused to them, telling them, that neither the King or M Bloom had desired or mentioned.

Requested to the President yet loss of 1000 to them, telling them, that neither the King or M Bloom had desired or mentioned. any such thing in their letters to him, however in Consideratio[n] of their free Orderd yt service, Tis agreed, & orderd that 100 Pag* belent them for their occasions, takeing 100 Pag he lent their bill for 170 Dollers to be paid at their arrivall at Bencolen or its amount in Payable at Bencolen Pepper, and in consideration, that they are Mahametans, that 50 Page be given & 50 Pa be them to make provision for their Voyage to the West Coast on the Williamson, and for their their the Command' orderd to treat them curteously aboard and that in Consideration of necessarys: the Rajaes kindness herein, that a present of a half a peice of Scarlet be sent them, according to M' Bloomes advice and desire.

Orderd that Page 800 be paid Mr William Fraser Storekeep' to defray charges P. 800 be pd of the Rt Honble Compas Shipping in the road and clearing the supernumerary Sea. Mr Fraser. men &ca.

[18TH]

According to ye Rt Hon Comp allowance yt 5 P Cent be pd ye Presidt & Second for commission of Goods. Mr Higginson request to be discharged. the Rt Hon Compa Ser-

vice.

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The Honble Compas adventure upon the Moldsford being now return'd safe and well. Tis approved and orderd that the 5 \$\psi\$ Cent Commission upon the Invoice sent, allow'd by the Rt Honble Compa order to the President and Second be accordingly paid them amount to Pagodas 356:06:2:

Mr Nathaniel Higginson his Covenants with the Rt Honble Compa expireing the 18th Instant, which he produceing in Councill desired that since he had serv'd his full time he might be discharged from the Rt Honble Compas Service, which he being so fully resolved upon that our best reasons or perswasions could not alter him from it, He was therefore orderd to deliver all books, papers, Accia &ca in his charge to M' Jn° Littleton next of Councill by the Honble Compas rules to succeed him.

> ELIHU YALE. NATH HIGGINSON. J. Biggs. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNO : CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM : CAWLEY. THO: GRAV.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

21. Letter to Vizagapat &ca. 22.

Letters to Vizagapatam & Porto Novo approved and signed, pressing the hastning their Investment and engageing on New.

Mr William Cawley Paid in Pags 131: on Acct of the Land Customes.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Mª JOHN LITTLETON Sª JOHN BIGGS MR THOMAS WAVELL CAP T WILL M HEATH THURSDAY CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK MB JOS: CHENEY 22. MR WILLM: CAWLEY ME WILL FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY.

Land customes

Mr Cawleys Accts read

Mr Willm Cawley His book of Accompts of the Land Customes for the month of February was read & past in Councill the Particular Viz:

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Lucy francis' request granted

Mrs Lucy Francis Widdow of Capt Francis agains makeing it her request to goe for England upon Ship Williamson (Capt William Perse and Capt John Bromwell by agreement with her, haveing excused themselves from the trouble, notwithstanding our orders to them for it) but that she may be noe longer a charge to the Company and Scandall to the place Tis agreed and order'd that she goe Passage free upon ye Williamson in Consideration of the loss of her husband in the Bengall Warr, and the Honble Compas favourable orders in such cases.

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Capt William Heath is orderd to deliver in His accts of the charge and expen-Capt Heaths ces in the Bengall expedition, and the Ballance of the Rt Honble Companys Cash Acets of his Bengall voy. under his management, and to make up the Soldiers and Shipp accounts to the algelorderd. 25th Instant, their pay commenceing from that time.

Mr Nathaniel Higginson late Second and Accomptant laying down the Rt Mr John Hon Lie Compas Service the 18th Instant, his covenanted time being then expired, Littleton order The charge whereof falling to Mr John Littleton by succession being next in derd second to accompt to Degree, He is therefore orderd to receive and take charge of all books papers and take charge Accompts belonging to that Imploy, and bring up the severall generall books, that to they may be sent home to the Honble Compa by next Ships if possible and that all necessary Assistance be given him for it.

Mr Bartho: Rodriguez &ca as we are enformed being about freighting or buying some particular Shipp to send to China, they were sent for to the Council to treat further about yo freighting the Princess, it being the most advantagious employ we can think of for her, since we cannot procure goods enough to lade her home, soe Agreed with after a long debate with many arguments and perswasions to the Jews, Wee &ca for 15000 agreed with them for the whole freight of Ship Princess to China for 15000 Psgs for Princess of Pagodas they to be at all Charges of measureing Presents &c during this Denmark Voyage.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON, J. Biggs. THO: WAVELL. JNº CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WLLIAM PROBY Secry.

Coppy of the Contract made between The President & Councill & Barth: Coppy of the Rodrigoes & Compa for the freightmt of Ship Princess of Denmark to Contract wth

Contract and Agreement made by and between us the President and Councill of Fort St George for acct of the Rt Honble English East India Company and Bartholomew Rodrigoes and Company for the freightment of Shipp Princess of Denmark, burthen 670 Tonns or thereabouts, Capt Joseph Haddock Commander, now rideing in the road of Madrass, according to Charterparty made between the Rt Honble East India Company, and her Owners in England dated the fifteenth of July 1687 which said Charterparty, with all & every its Tonnage priviledges under obligations, Wee the said President and Councill doe assigne and make over to the said Bartholomew Rodriguez and Company to have the sole Ladeing and freightment thereof to the port of Amoy in China or any other port adjacent, for the Consideration and Summe of fifteen thousand Pagodas of Madrass, to be paid by the said Bartholomew Rodriguez and Company to the said President & Councill or their successors within thirty dayes after the next arrivall to this Port or any port or place on this Coast of Chormandell, where she shall break bulk, Tis also agreed that the aforesaid freighters are and shall be at all charges of Measureing Presents &c" that shall be demanded or may happen during the said Voyage and that she be dispatch't from China by the Tenth of December next ensueing the date hereof, or in case of any casualty or misfortune should happen in their trade in China, then the Commander hath Liberty to stay till the twentyeth of December and noe longer, the said freighters, allowing & paying her Charterparty demorage Clause of defor so many of the ten dayes, as the Ship shall be detained there upon their morage. accounts, the said Shipp to be in a readiness to Saile from hence by the first of May next. In Wittness whereof Wee the President and Councill for Acct and in behalf of the Rt Honble English East India Company, doe hereby oblige ourselves

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on ye one part and Bartholomew Rodriguez and Company for themselves. Heirs Executors & Administrators on the other haveing interchangeably sett our hands and seals at Fort St. George, in the Citty of Madrass This one & twentyeth day of March Anno Dom 1688.

BART : RODRIGUEZ. DOM: DEPORTO. ALVAR: DEFONSECA.

Genl from Callicutt.

Generalls from Callicutt and Battur dated the 23th and 29 December last. with a coppy of the articles agreed upon by the Generall &c Councill and the Mogulls Minist at Surrat on the 10th of November 88.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAOR^x

Present

SATURDAY 23.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR SR JOHN BIGGS M^R John Littleton MR THOMAS WAVELL CAPT WILLM HEATH CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK MR JOHN CHENEY M^B WILLIAM CAWLEY MR WILLIAM FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY.

Letter to the french generall, adviseing the proceedings of the Coart of Letter to ye Admiralty, and to satisfie his many other complaints about the Commanders ill french Genil. entertainment of the french Soldiers from Bengall, who are orderd to give in their

severall reports thereof.

Mr Rodrigoes propos'd ye buying of ye Lead abd ye Princess.

There being a parcell of Lead aboard ye Ship Princess that came out upon her from England & Mr Rodriguez &ca haveing hired the Ship for China proposed the buying ye said Lead, in consideration of the time trouble and charge twould cost here, haveing but few boats for much buisiness, and after some treating about ye price came to this agreement, to sell it them P Invoice at page 9 P Candy ready money, which we esteem a good service considering the quantity we have by us, and the low price it bears in Town.

agreed at 9 P P Ca:

The Settlement of the Councill in their Severall Imployes.

Mr Nath: Higginson haveing served his Covenanted time to the Rt Honble Compa expired the 18 Instant and then layd down the Compas Service, The Councill mett to settle their severall Imployments wherein, Mr John Littleton being second by succession is appointed to the charge of the Books and Accounts, The next is 3d and Warehousekeep according to the Compan printed Rules and Custome of this Place, but Mr Thomas Wavell being formerly orderd joint Commissioner of the Customes with Mr Nathaniel Higginson declares he ought to continue in that Imploy and take his precedency, which occasioning dispute with the rest it was put to the Vote, after perusall of the severall Letters and orders from the Rt Honbie Compa about Mr Wavell, wherein we find him possitively orderd, Collector of the revenues giveing him a gratuity of 40 Pag to encourage him therein, therefore not alterable, but by the Honble Comps express order, but his being Customer was not so possitive, the question was therefore putt whether he ought to continue in the Sea Customes or be removed to the charge of the Warehouse as accustomary in such cases, and by m[a jority of Votes, he was determined to the Imploy of the Warehouse, which he was appointed to, to take the charge of from Mr Littleton.

The next proposall was whether the Paymaster or the Sea Customer had the Precedency, Mr John Cheney being next of Degree to the Warehousekeep according to His station was appointed Paymast or Purser Marine according to those stated Rules, and orderd to receive the books and Accts from Mr Thomas Gray.

Mr William Fraser being next in succession he is therefore orderd Sea

Customer and to receive that charge from Mr Thomas Wavell.

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The Employ of the Storekeep' being the next place, is appointed to M' William Cawley, who is orderd to receive the remaines and accounts of Mr William Fraser late Storekeeper, and also to look after the fitting manning and expences of the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ue} Ships and Vessells.

Mr Thomas Gray being last of Councill is appointed to the Land Customes, which buisiness being small tis thought fitt, that he doe take charge of the Mint, for the present, as also to continue his former Imploy of Register of the Insurance

office, according to the Rt Honble Compas orders.

The Saphir friggot being arrived well fitted from Tonqueen, the President proposed ye proposed the sending her, immediately for England to give the Honble Compa An sending ye Saphir frig. proposed the sending her, ininequectly for Lagrange and the late management of get for English of the returne of their Shipping from Bengall and the late management of get for English of the returne of their Shipping from Bengall and the late management of get for English of the return of the re affaires there, that the R* Honble Compa might give what orders they Judge most vices. requisite in these weighty buisiness to their Honours and Nation, but adviseing more particularly with the Command's about the season for Passage, Tis their opinion, that the Ship now sent for England, must winter at the Maroushes, soe that the Williamson may be as soon home from the West Coast as any sent hence. The selling of most of the Comp^{es} Vessells, and Sloops was also proposed to cease Proposed ye the useless charge they are at, but not knowing what orders their Hon^{rs} may of ye Honble suddainly send us about the prosecuteing the Warr or settling those ffactoryes Compas Vesting the Compas Vestin upon the best tearmes wee can, either of which cannot be mannag'd without those sells. Vessells, Tis therefore held best to keep ym in their Hon's Service and to fitt and employ them ye best way we cann till further orders.

ELIBU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO : WAVELL. JNo: CHENEY. WILLM: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

A survey and Valluation made on the Severall Shipps and Vessells belonging to the Rt : Honble Compa.

Wee the subscribers hereof haveing been on board ye severall Shipps Ketches valluation of and Sloops undermentioned in pursuance of an order from the Honble Elihu Yale Ships &ca. President and Governour for the surveying the same Condition of the said Vessells together with their Sevⁿ Stores and ammunition mentioned in their severall Inventoryes, and upon the best of our Judgements doe make this report on the whole and Vallue the same as follows Viz.

Shipp Madapollam with all her Necessarys and	
to Inventory	
Ship Recovery with all necessaryes and stor	res according to
Inventory	" 2200
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to Inventory	,, 1200
Ship Dyamond wth all her necessaryes & sto	ores according to
Inventory	,, 150)
Ketch Samuell with all her necessarys & sto	res according to
Inventory	,, 400
Ketch Thomas as above exprest	200
Sloop Ballasore as above	,, 50
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Includeing gunns and ammunition in the Vessells above said.

WILLIAM SHARP. GEO: HERRON. JOHN HAMPTON. THO: WALTHROPE. [24TH]

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Genl from
Conimere.
leave to
build a guard
house.

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Generall from Conimere dated the 22^d Instant, desireing leave to build convenient gaurd rooms to lodge their soldiers, as well for the security of the Factory as prevention of abuses in the Towne, also upon consideration of these dangerous times desire leave to lay in a convenient store of provision of grain &c* for if they should (by any accident) be deny'd supply from the Countrey.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 25. ELIHU YALE ESQ" PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M" JOHN LITTLETON
M" THOMAS WAVELL
CAP: "WILL" HEATH
CAP: JOS": HADDOCK
M" WILL" FRASER
M" WILLIAM CAWLEY

MR THOMAS GRAY.

Agent Charnocks &ca opinion & relation of Capt Heaths managemt of affairs in Bengall. Agent Charnock &c° delivering to the Councell their opinion and relation of Cap' William Heaths mannagement of his Commission and Affaires in Bengall lately under his conduct, which is thought requisite to be deliver'd to Cap* Heath, to reply thereto if he thinks fitt.

Assistants orderd to the sevi of Councill.

Haveing settled the Councill in their severall Stations and Imploymts: the last Consultation day the Councill now proceeded to order them Assistants for the carrying on the Honble Compas buisiness under their Severall charges, wherein first Mr Jnº Littleton, haveing the care and charge of the Generall books & Accounts, which are so much behind hand, that he declares to the Councill, that he cannot bring them up without very good assistance, and here being few experienc'd in book keeping belonging to this place, & the Bengall buisiness being so backward as requires all their people to hasten it, He makes choice of Mr James Wheeler, who is well acquainted and expert in that buisiness, Mr Littleton engageing that if ye Councill would reentertain him in the Rt Honble Compas Service and to his assistance, that he would bring up all or most of the Books and Accounts, to be ready to goe home by the September Ships, which being a necessary good Service. as well for the Honbie Compas satisfaction as our safety, the question was putt to the Councill whether we could readmitt him into their Honours Service and his former Station, haveing been faulty and under the Honble Compas just displeasure, though we doe not find their orders have absolutely dismist him from their Service, therefore in consideration of Mr Littletons undertaking with his assistance to bring up the books, Tis agreed and orderd that he be, from this day, reentertaind into the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Service in his former Station and Sallary, with Submission to the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} approbation & further orders concerning him, also George Wingf-ild and Enock Walsh are appointed his Assistants for ve books.

Mr Wheeler reentertain'd in ye Rt Honble Compas Service, wth Submission to their approbation.

For M' Thom' Wavell's assistance are appointed M' William Fraser upon Extraordinary occasion, M' Henry Alford, M' Edward Treadcroft, M' Jn' Meverell in the Warehouse, and Robert Cranwell and Geo: Croke in the collection of the Quitt rents

For Mr John Cheney, Paymast' Thom' Wright and John Leneeve, to assist him therein.

For M^r William Fraser, at the Sea Custome house M^r Samuel Swynoke, Jn^o Hill, Nath: Halsey Franc^o Charlton, Jn^o Butterfeild, Thom^o Jardin appointed Officers of the Sea Custome house.

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For Mr William Cawley Storekeepr Mr Mountage Stephen Mabb to look after the Compas Shipping.

For Mr Thom's Gray in his severall Imployments Viz. the Land Customes, charge of the Mint & Register of the Assurances, Mr Henry Mose, James Johnson are appointed to his assistance in the Mint, and Matt: Milemay, Jnº Dean Christ: Allin, at the Land Custome house &ca each of our Councill to conclude their former buisiness and enter upon their new Employs the first of next month.

Capt William Heath delivered in his Accts of the Bengall Voyage, which the The accompt

Accomptant is orderd to peruse and make report to the Councill.

examine Capt Heaths Accts

The Mallays requesting the liberty to carry a small quantity of Salt with them to the West Coast, which in consideration they have served ye Rt Honble Compa on request their Ship gratis and to oblige them & their Masters tis thought necessary to gratifie granted. them therein, and Capt Ashby is orderd to receive yt & their necessarys abd his Ship & be kind to them.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL, JNº: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Generall from Vizagapatam, dated the 17th Instant accompanied with one 26. from Mr Henry Stanley & James Ravenhill at Ballasore dated the 12th Feby last, Genil from adviseing the Gover[n]ments ill usage to them for the Injuries, the English did in with new the last attempt on Ballasore, and that the Nabob has expressly orderd all the from Bengall. English there to be sent to Decca in Irons. So desireing the President and Councill would commiserate their deplorable condition, and make provision for their releasement.

Generall from Vizagapatam dated the 4th ffeby adviseing of their Merchants 27 backwardness in bringing in their goods, excuseing themselves ythe great famine Genil from and present wars between the Seir lascar and the Rajas has been the occasion of Vizagapat. their not complying wth their Contract, but promiseing their earnest endeavours to conclude it in due time.

They have also been treating with ye Seir lascar about the Gover[n]ment of the Towne but could not agree to our proposalls, they haveing not power to grant it, nevertheless, that the Rt. Honble Company buisiness, should find his best assistance and goe on according to Cowle,

Lately reed advices from the Southward yt Sombojee is taken by the Mogulls advice yt forces, through treachery of his people, which reaching Harja Raja's ears has Sombojee is imprison'd Casha Pontulo, and his freinds whereupon many of his Servants have Mogull. obsconded themselves.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNE M^B JOB CHARNOCK M^B JOHN LITTLETON M^B THOMAS WAVELL
M^B JOHN CHENEY
M^B WILL^M CAWLEY SR JOHN BIGGS CAPT WILL HEATH M^R WILL™ FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY

THURSDAY

Mr Nath: Higginson read his accis of the mintage duties for the months of Mr. Higgin-February and March & paid in Page [lacuna in the original] the ballance of his some acct of the Mint acct as also ye ball: of his Paymasters acct Pag 16: 19: 3: he also gave in an read.

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account of M^r Johnson Assaymaster wherein he charges the Loss of oz. [lacuna in the original] in makeing assayes of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{bs} gold, which being an unusuall charge in the Mint, M^r Johnson is to be accomptable for it & the Mint Bramenees to be credited by him, all the gold being charged to their Accomp^{bs}.

Mr. Higginsons request of laying down ye charg [e] of Mayorship.

M' Nathaniel Higginson deliverd in a Paper requesting, since he has layd down the Hon^{ble} Comp^{ass} Service he may be also discharged from the office of Mayor of this Corporation, being suddainly design'd upon a Voyage as by his following Paper, and that another may be appointed to that charge, whereupon peruseing the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ass} charter for this Corporation: and their orders therein, in their letter of the 28th Septem' 87, p the Princess of Denmark, wherein they have given order and power to the President and Councell in such cases to constitute and appoint, Tis therefore agreed & orderd that M' Nath: Higginson be discharged & M' John Littleton being next in succession, and eldest Alderman, be Mayor of the Corporation, and that he doe execute that office in all its authorityes till the 29th of September next according to our Commission given him, and enterd next after this Consultation.

Mr Littleton to be Mayor.

> Wee haveing advices from the Southern and Vizagapatam Factories that their buisiness is greatly impeeded, and their Merchts are so far from undertakeing a new contract, yt they almost despair of concludeing ye old in some months, and our Merch's here also being much discouraged by the warrs, troubles and obstructions in y8 Countrey, the weavers & other necessary labourers being by the armies of the Mogull and Savagee encampt about us dayly so rob'd and plunderd that they will not be perswaded yet to undertake a new Contract, we makes us doubtfull of dispatching the new Defence an early Ship home for England as we design'd, Twas therefore proposd and taken into consideration how to dispose her upon a Voyage, y' may compensate her great charge of Demorage, there being but two that appears wth any probable advantage, The St is to the West Coast, where we have already sent two Vessells the Dorothy & Bencolen to returne hither with pepper & design'd 2 more Viz: the Williamson & Resolution, to be laden from thence for England with Pepper, the other to be employd upon this Coast for graine which being now much cheaper then formerly twill scarcely be worth her time, Twas therefore proposed to send her to China to be laden thence with Sugar, Tutenague &ca for Persia, which we calculate may amount to about Twelve thousand Pounds, which wee were also encouraged to, by our haveing soe great a quantity of Silver by us, which we cannot Invest nor well dispose of, and though this designe is for many other reasons concluded the best and most advantagious for her, and the Honble Company, yet there arrises a great and allmost an indispensible objection against it, which is their Hon's letter of the 25th September the Princess of Denmark, wherein they expressly forbid us sending any their Stock to China or Tunqueen upon any pretence whatever, which being a matter of great consequence, and scruple to act contrary to order, Twas therefore deferr'd to further consideration, whether in such cases of necessity wee might adventure upon it.

Debated of the dispose of ye Defence.

Storekeep : &oa orderd to repair ye Garrison. The Surrat sadd news from the french was imparted and largely debated and recommended to the Councills secrecy and to Consider what course to take therein in the meane time, The Paymast' and Storekeeper are order'd to repaire the walls towards the river side and what else may be wanting in our Garrison, The Armes well fitted, Powder and Shott to be provided, and other Stores, necessary for a seige and our Defence.

Mr Littletons Acott read. M' John Littleton his Book of Accts of the Warehouse for the month of January was read & past in Councill, and Pags 623: paid into their Hon's Cash for Acct of goods sold by him.

Capt Heatha Cap' William Heath deliverd in his answer to the Agent &c* of Bengalls paper, asswer to ye which is order'd to be transcrib'd and sent home, and Agent Charnock desireing paper. Order the Pusall of it, It is order'd to be deliverd him. to be sent to be delivered him.

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The Warehousekeep Customer and Storekeeper were again desired and orderd to hasten ye unladeing the Compas Shipps, that we may dispose of them the best way wee can.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELLI. JNº: CHENEY. WILLM; FRASER. WM : CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

TO THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE

Mr Higginsons Request.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA COUNCILL.

Being out of the Rt Honble Compas Service and haveing thoughts of goeing a Voyage suddainly, I desire you will please to give mee leave and so soon as conveniently may bee, to appoint another Person to bee Mayor of the Corporation for the remaining part of the Year, The Charter haveing reserved power to the President and Councill in such case, to make such appointment.

Your Hon's Most humble Servant,

March 28th 1689.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

Commission to ye Worspl Jno Littleton Mayor of the Corporation of the Citty of Madras & Town of Fort S' George.

Commission Littleton.

Whereas the Worsp^{ll} Nathaniel Higginson Mayor of the Corporation of this Citty of Madrass and Towne of Fort S' George, haveing declared His desires and Intentions of Laying down and quitt the Office and charge of the Mayorlty, To supply whose Place for the remayning Part of the Year, Wee the President & Councill of Fort St George for the Rt Honhle English East India Company, By Virtue of their Charter to the said Corporation doe hereby appoint, Alderman John Littleton, to be Mayor till the nine and twentyeth day of September next, and to execute all the Offices and Authority therein of His Predicessors granted to Him by the said Charter, given under our Hands & the Rt Honble Compas Seal at Fort St George in the Citty of Madrass this 29th day of March Ano Dom. 1689.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN BIGGS. THO: WAVELL. WILLM FRASER. WM CAWLEY. THOM'S GRAY.

Ship Persia Merchant, Capt Benjamin Brangwin Command & Ship Mary, Persia Cap' Stephen Barber Command arrived from Sumatra, haveing been near 3 months Mercht on her Passage hither, and in nine degrees South Latit mett the Rochester, calling arrived from aboard her, found all in good healths, and in a fair way to gett her Passage for Bencolen. England.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ² PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR SE JOHN BIGGS M[®] John Littleton MR THOMS WAVELL CAPT WILLIAM HEATH CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK Mª JNº : (HENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLM: CAWLLY Mª WILLIAM CAWLEY [sic.]

APRILL. THURSDAY 4тн.

[4TH]

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The President acct Cash read. Accomptt Sallary. 6 Chest S

The President read his acct Cash for the month of March the Ballance examined amounting to Page 4!278: 24:1.

Mr John Littleton, Accomptant is orderd to draw up the acct Sallary due to orderd to draw ye acct the Rt Honble Compas Servants the 25th March last, and as also that the Agent &ca

of Bengall do give in theirs apart, and that both be accordingly paid.

The late letters by the Persia Merchant from the West Coast desireing a supply provision be of Graine, tis therefore orderd that 100 bags of wheat and 200 of rice be accordsent to ye West Coast. ingly sent them, and also six chests of Dollers qt 24000 be traverst from the Defence aboard the Williamson.

In consideration the whole Bengall Affair has been under the direction and management of the Agent &c and Capt Heath, Tis order'd for prevention of mistakes, that all accts relateing to their Military or Navall forces be first examined by Capt Heath and then by the Agent &ca Councill, and after being approved and signed by them, that then the Paymaster do pay and discharge their severall bills & Accts and not otherwise.

The Mergee ffriggot being not yet deliverd to ye french and being very leaky, mergee friggot being and much out of repair, ye Storekeeper is orderd to supply her with what she is

necessitated for to secure her.

Mergee leaky, ye Storeke-per is orderd to supply wth wt necessary. Capt Heath be disposed upon some Voyage. orderd to get his Ship in readiness.

Capt Heath is order'd to unlade and gett his Ship in readiness that she may

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Mr Thomas Wavell paid in Pag* 55: 20: being the amount of Capt James Leslies bond to the Rt Honble Company.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MINDAY 8тн.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^R JOHN LITTLETON Mª JOHN BIGGS Mª THOMAS WAVELL CAPT: CAPT: MR JOHN CHENEY M^B WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLBY MR THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duly Summon'd.

Sloops Beaufort & Ballasore orderd to Anore river for repair.

Sloops Beaufort and Ballasore being in soe very leaky condition, that they can hardly be kept above water, Tis therefore orderd that they be sent to Anore river to be repaired and fitted, and that the Storekeep M Cawley be very carefull in that expence.

Mr Chardin proffer 2000 P for ship Recovery. orderd she be put up at an out cry.

Mr Daniell Chardin according to his promise brought the Councill his resolution about buying Ship Recovery when after many complaints of her age, weakness & want of repair, he declared yt the utmost he could give for her was 2000 Pags which he beleiv'd to be more then her worth, and y' no other person would give it, but she haveing been vallued & survey'd by severall persons at 2200 Pags tis thought but reasonable and satisfactory that she be put up at a publick sale at the sea gate at Pag 2000, where if noe person bid more then to lett M Chadin have her at that rate, in consideration she will be at a great charge to sheath & repair her, and now lies at near a 100 Pags a month charge.

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[8TH]

Letters to the Honble Compa read and approved. The buisiness of sending lettr to ye Rt Hon the Defence to China coast was againe debated but not resolved thereon.

Serjeant Hitchman petitioning the Councill for satisfaction for his service at Tellicherry, Tis orderd that the Vallue of 20 [z]erafeens be allow'd him for y Service, Capt Peirce haveing commended him therein.

Widdow Heathfeild petitioning the Councill about an action depending in the Coart against Jnº Poise deceased the Justices are orderd to examine and

conclude that buisiness. Orderd that a Court Martiall be held on saturday next being the 12th Instant a Court Martiall to be in vº ffort Hall for the tryall of the nine supposed Pyrats, lately sent hither from held. Pollicat, and a summons be issued out accordingly, and yt Sr John Biggs doe sett Biggs doe sett

President, the Govern' being very buisy.

The Conimere Merchts desireing they might have Broad cloth instead of the Conimere Corrall they were oblig'd to have by contract, which is thought fit to grant ym in Mercht consideration of the great quantity of Cloth wee have by us, and that tis much granted.

subject to damage and that the Cheif &ca be wrote to, accordingly.

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Letter to Conimere ffactory read approved and dispatch't.

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Present

THURSDAY 10.

9.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^s John Littleton M^R CAPT: WILLIAM HEATH CAPT M^R JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM: CAWLEY M^R WILLIAM FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely summon'd.

Order'd that Page 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney to buy Coarse gold to coyne P 1000 be pd fanams, they being very scarce and dear in towne.

Mr William Cawley read his book of the Land Customes, for the month of

March which was read and past in Councill Vizt.

Land Customes Pags 19:15:23 Weighers duty ... -: 9:58 ,, Chowltry Customes 108: 22: 36 ... 53: 20: 80 Measurers duty ••• ,, Banksoll ... 2:24: Register of Slaves &ca ... 1:28:

Mr. Cowleys accts read.

Pa: 186: 11: 97 Charges deducted 4:10: -

Pags 182: 01: 97

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THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

[10TH]

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15.

The Coart Martiall held at the ffort hall this day for the tryall of the nine suspected English Pyratts brout from Pollicat, whereof two were sentenced to death & six, to be stigmatized with a hot Iron in the foreheads.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MUNDAY

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQB PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^R JOHN LITTLETON SR M" THOMAS WAVELL CAPT WILL HEATH CAPT ME WILL FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Bengall accts examined. orderd to

Mr William Cawley, Storekeepr delivering in some Bills of charges and wages due to the seamen abd the Severall Saips, and Vessells came from Bengall which being examined and approv'd by the Agent &c Councill and Capt Heath. Tis orderd that he doe Pay off and clear said accts, takeing their sev receipts for the same.

Mr Hatsell request granted.

clear sd

acets.

Mr William Hatsell requesting to send some Tea home upon Ship Williamson; consignd to the Rt Honble Compa upon their own tearms of Permissive trade, It is agreed & orderd that the sd goods be reed aboard being Invoiced & consigned by bill Ladeing to the Honble Comp*.

resolved to send ye Defence to China on ye Rt Honble Compas Acet. (Conditions proposed.

Upon mature considerations and debates abt the dispose of Ship Defence. there being noe goods here to lade her home nor sufficient Pepper at the West Coast ready for all, Twas resolved the best designe, to send her to Maccaw and Canton in China on the Rt Honble Compas Acct to lade there with Sugars, Tutenague &ca for Persia, consigned to the Agent &ca and 2 of our People, But if the Honble Compa should not approve thereof being without their order, then they will please to make a Declaration thereof upon arrivall of our advices, and we &ca doe severally engage to take the Voyage and adventure upon our accts and hazzard. according to our obligation (enterd next after this Consultation,) and to allow the Rt Honble Compa Ten & Cent Interest upon the Stock as & Invoice and 35 & Cent freight to Persia and returne hither.

Offerd to Mr. Chinee to go Supra Cargo likewise to ye rest.

Mr Jnº Cheney being licenced by the Rt Honble Compa to goe to China as & their Gen": dated the [lacuna in the original]. Twas therefore proposed to Him to goe Supa Cargo of said Ship, but he desires to be excused going, being not well recover'd of his late Voyage thither.

Twas next proposed to Mr William Fraser, who also desired to be excused

being a stranger in those Parts.

Mr William Cawley also excuses himself upon being very sickly at sea and therefore not so capable of that Service.

and lastly twas proposed to Mr Thomas Gray who desired till next Consulta-

tion day to consider thereof, when he would give his resolution therein. Capt Heath

Cap' Will^m Heath his Ship being now designed for China, He is therefore orderd to unlade what goods &co of the Rt Honble Compa aboard and clear his

to compleat Ship wth all Possible Expedition, and that he doe Compleate the Ships number of men according to Charterparty.

The Coart Martiall upon the 12 Inst haveing try'd the 9 English men sent us by the Dutch Commissary from Pollicat and finding them all guilty of Pyracy tho not all equally culpable, therefore twas concluded by Majority of Voats to condemne 2 to death and six Branded in the forehead with a P: which six was to have been stigmatiz'd this day, but the martiall being sick, tis order'd to deferr the execution till tomorrow, and that 2 of them be punished according to Sentance at the Execution Post under the Fort point, and that the gaurds be drawn up to be spectators of the sad examples.

of men.

ye execution of ye Pyrat deferrd,

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[15TH]

The other four to make their Punishment more examplary and terrific others, Tis orderd that two be branded aboard the Williamson and the other two aboard the Resolution, and the said offenders doe proceed on those ships to the West Coast.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

The Subscription.

Wee the Subscribers doe hereby oblige each of us for ourselves, Heires and The Subscrip-Executors unto the Rt Honble English East India Company for our sevi subscriptions for their stock now sent to China and Persia upon Ship New Defence, Conditionally Their Hon's disapprove thereof, the stock & Voyage then to be upon our Accts and Risgoes, Paying the said Rt Honble Comps or their President &ca here Ten P Cent Interest upon the amount of their Invoice also to allow them thirty five P Cent in Specie for all goods that shall be sent on Her to Persia and thence hither, Wittness our hands at Fort St George in the Citty of Madrass this 15th day of Aprill 1689.

Elihu Yale Subsc	ribes	 	 	8	£ 1000 : 00
John Littleton		 	 		500:00
William Heath		 	 		2500:00
John Cheney		 	 		250:00
William Fraser		 •••	 		150:00
William Cawley		 	 		250:00
Thomas Gray		 	 		500:00
Ri: Frenchfeild		 	 		500 :
John Evans		 	 		500 :-
John Beard		 	 		500:-
Ri : Browne		 	 		500:
Henry Alford		 • • •	 •••		500:-
Symon Holcomb			 		500 :
Charles Metcalf		 	 		500:-
Daniel Chardin		 	 		500 :
John Pounsett		 	 		500.:-
John Affack		 	 		500 :-

This morning Shipp Persia Merchant was most unhappily blown up in the 16. road, wth fourty seaven Souls in her, by what means or accident cannot be learn't. Ship Persia

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOHN LITTLETON MB THOMAS WAVELL CAPT WILLM HEATH CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK MB JNO: CHENEY MR WILL CAWLEY MR WILLE : FRASER

THURSDAY 18.

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

Orderd that Page 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymaster to defray charges P. 1000 be pd Mr Cheney. Garrison.

[18TH]

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P: 2000 be pd Mr Cawley.

Order'd that Pag* 2000 be paid M^r Will^m Cawley Storekeep to defray charges of the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ns} Shipping.

P: 2000 be sent to Conimere & Factr provisions.

They writeing from Conimere of their want of money to carry on their Invest ment, It is order'd that 2000 Pag* be sent them and some factors Provisions, and fourty baggs of wheat they also advise y* they have there and at Porto Novo somebales in readyness, which they want a conveyance for, Tis orderd that the Dyamond ffriggot be sent thither for them.

There being a great quantity of Broad cloth now brought from Bengall, with large remaines before, most of which being damaged and the rest in danger of the like, The Warehousekeep' adviseing ye Councill that a Countrey Merchaut offerd to buy a Poell of them but will not be brought to a greater price then 19 Page the half peice, notwithstanding in our late contract we had put off to our Merchants at 22 Page a peice by much perswasions, which they have since sold at 16 Page: The Warehousekeep' is therefore ordered for Prevention of further Damages, to putt off what Broad cloth he can possibly but not under 18 Pa: the half Peice.

Broad cloth ord not to be sold under 18 pã

Rec^a list night from M. Uphill &c. at Carrwar y. Coppy of the Generalls letter at Bombay to them adviseing of the continued troubles at Surrat and that y. great hopes of an accomodation with the Mogull have prov'd ineffectuall, so yt they are resolved to renew the Warr more severely then formerly, but has given us no orders or directions for our management here, we we have long waited and expected from

them, nor will the season now permitt our assisting them.

The two condemned Persons one of whom being a young man, forced or drawn in that bad Company in India, being a Prentice servant was commanded by his Master thereto, the sentence falling upon him by the lott of dye, and being the generall opinion of ye Coart Martiall that he was the least Criminall of all and considering that Justice inclines to mercy, Tis agreed & orderd yt according to His Majesties Chart' granted to the Rt Honbie Comp' & from them derived to us, that Francis Hopkins have a pardon for his life but yt he receives a punishmt as the rest did, to be whipt and after be branded aboard the Princess, and that ye other offender be repreived till wednesday next, yn to be executed aboard the Defence according to sentence of said Coart & their execution warrant to the Provost Martiall.

Hopkins be pardond.

for ye greatr

Ship Maddapollam to unlade ye

expedition

Defence

Francis

For the greater expedition & dispatching of our Shipping, M^r William Cawley, Storekeep^r is order'd to send Ship Maddapollam ab^d the Defence to unlade the Sea Coales from her and give her and y^e Resolution all possible assistance for their

Cap' Heath and Cap' Haddock haveing had their Pursers taken Pris[o]ners in Bengall and still in Confinem' there, desire that two of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss} Servants may be spared them for the tearme of the Voyage viz, M' Chadwick and M' Bowridge. The therefore thought fitt to grant their requests, but that their Sallarys and all allowances sease from the 25th March till their arrivall here againe, then to be readmitted into their Hon^{to} Service.

Mr Willcox dischargd ye Rt Honble: Compt: Service. M' Francis Willcox haveing served his covenanted time with the Rt Honble Comp' request to be discharged their service to goe to China, which is accordingly grauted him, which being also M' Goughs request, in consideration of his being serviceable to the owners of Ship James in her Voyage to China, weh the Honble Comp' recommended to our kind assistance.

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JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Recd a Genu from Vizagapatam dated the Pmo Instant.

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[21sr]

Sr John Biggs Judge Advocate, of the Court of Admiralty dyed this morning of a feavor, Leaving by Will his two Sonns his Executors and M. Henry Alford & Sr. sohn Biggs dye'd. Mr Edward Treadcroft his Overseers.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

EI [I]HU YALK [ESQE] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Mª JOHN LITTLETON Mª THOMAS WAVELL CAP^T: WILL^M: HEATH CAPT: ME JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY. MR WILLM CAWLEY

MUNDAY 22.

Mr Thomas Gray haveing considerd the proposall of his goeing Cheif Supra Mr Gray Cargoe to China on Ship Defence and finding his occasions will not dispence with desires his goeing now, so desires also to be excused.

Sr John Biggs deceasing yesterday His Majtys Charter was perused, wherein His Maje wee find the Judge Advocate of the Coart of Admiralty is from time to time soly appointed by the Houble Compa soe that we have noe Authority by the Charter or any other from the Rt Honble Compa: to elect or authorize a Judge Advocate they haveing hitherto acted by the Compas Commission besides there is no Person duly quallified for yt charge, Tis therefore order'd that all actions doe sease in yt Coart till further orders from the Rt Honble Compa and that the Mayors Coart do decide actions do the differences that were depending in the other, and that a Recorder be also chosen in Sr John Bigg's place.

going to China perused. No Authority to elect a Judge Advocat. orderd all actions do Coart. Mayr Coart do decide all causes, yt were depending in ye other, A Records

Leivtenant Zouch Troughton haveing very much misdemean'd himself in severall private injuries and affronts to his Superiours, which are not requisite to be here mentiond, It is therefore orderd that he be discharged of his Commission, and all Millatary authority, and that before he be released of his Confinement he do give in 1000 Pags bond wth Security to the Rt Honble Compa for his future good behaviour, & that his Company be devided to the three other Compas to lessen the charge of the Officers.

Zouch Troughton be dismist of his Commiss : To give 1000 P bond for his better behaviour.

be chosen in Sr Jno Bigg's place.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Deliverd Capt Stephen Ashby Command of Shipp Williamson his dispatch 22. for the West Coast of Sumatra the pacquett to the Rt Honble Compa and the bagg Deld: Capt: of Particular letters.

Step: Aeny's dispatch.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESOR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^R JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL CAPT: CAPT: Jos: HADDOCK MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILL™: FRASER MB WILLE: CAWLEY MR THO: GRAY.

WEDNES-DAY. 24.

[24тн]

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Timothy Lehaun the Criminall Pyrat that was condemned by the Coart Martiall to be executed abd the Defence, and the other to be punished and branded according to order, were by the Provost Martiall Tilman Holt taken from Prison and carryed wth a gaurd in a Masula aboard the said Ship Defence to receive the punishment according to sentence, but contrary to expectation and surprize, the sd martiall reft urnd ashoar with the Prisoner acquainting us that according to order of the President & Councill and the Coart, that he had bin with the Prisoner abod Ship Defence to have executed the sentence, but y' the officer of said Ship denved him to bring those Prisoners aboard notwithstanding he had shewed his Execution Warrant, telling him that His Commander, was aboard the Williamson. that he must goe to Him for an order, web the Martiall did accordingly, and sheweing him the said Warrant desired his order aboard that he might execute Him, which he refused telling him as he had none of the live men, he would have none of the dead, tho the Executioner fell to him by Lott as well as order, he also said that the President told him, that the Prisoner should be executed abd the Resolution. which disobedience being a great and unheard of contempt against the authority and Government of the place and may occasion Mutinyes and Rebellion in the Garrison at least our orders to be slited and neglected. Tis therefore agreed and orderd that Capt William Heath be sent for ashoar, as well to answer that offence as Capt De la Roach's Complaint of his entring & plundering his ship after a legall delivery of her to His Possession, for the use and service of the King of France. by order of the Coart of Admiralty.

The order to Capt Heath (is enterd next after this Consultation).

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

TO CAPT WILLIAM HEATH. Order to Capt Heath.

COMMAND'S OF SHIP DEFENCE.

You haveing contrary to your Duty and obligation by Charterparty, perremptorily disobey'd and contemned, the orders of the Presidents & Councill and Judgement and Sentence of the Coart Martiall for the Execution of a malefactor Pyrat aboard your ship returning the said Prisoner ashoar to y' great affront and dishonour of his Majesties Royall Chart to His R' Honbie English East India Company and the contempt of theires and our Government which ill Example will certainly

be of bad consequence and great prejudice to the Garrison.

Wee have also a Complaint against you from ye french Capt Mons' de la Roach. that after ye delivery of the Mergee ffrigget to Him and his officers for the use and possession of the King of France by Judge [mt] and order of the Coart of Admiralty, legally executed by the officers of said Coart, which tis charged upon you, that yesterday you forceably enter'd & plunderd the said Ship of severall stores deliverd up wth Her for the said Kings Service, These are therefore to require and Command you upon sight hereof to come ashoar to answer for your said illegall and contemptuous offences before us the President and Councill or a Coart Martiall. Dated in Fort St Georg[e] this 24th of Aprill Anno Dom: 1689.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. JOSEPH HADDOCK. JOHN CHENEY. WILLIAM FRASER. WILLIAM CAWLEY. THOMAS GRAY.

Officers aboard ye Defence denyd executeing ye condemned Pyrat abd their ship.

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Soon after the signing the foregoeing order Capt Heath sent a letter to the President, wherein he acknowledges both the said offences layd to His charge, He was orderd to be Summond tomorrow morning to answer before the President and Councill & to be there determined.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR THOMS WAVELL M^R JOHN LITTLETON CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK MR JOHN CHENEY ME WILL FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY

Upon Examination and Debate on Capt William Heaths late miscarriages in his disobedience to the orders of the Governme and Coart and other irregular and unwarrantable actions aboard ye french ship, Tis unanimously agreed and orderd that Capt William Heath be fined two hundred Page for his said offences to be equally devided to the Rt Honble Compa and Corporation and that the execution of the Condemned Capt Hough man be made tomorrow morning aboard his ship Defence according to the late Sentence and Coart warrant to the provost Martiall, and that the Captaine be aboard to warne his people from the Prisoners crimes and see him rightly executed.

And for his offence on board the french ship, Tis orderd that he make due satisfaction to Capt De la Roach, in returning aboard the Mergee ffriggot by his own boat and men, all such stores and other particulars, that he force by took out of her, and that he also excuse his rash fault to the french Captaine and compose the difference.

ELIHU YALE. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. THO: GRAY. JNO: CHENEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

TO ALL ENGLISH WEN OR OTHER EUROPEANS YT DESIRE TO SERVE THE RT HONBLE COMPA IN THEIR GARRISON, OF FORT S' GEORGE.

Genll Par-

Gentlemen Although some of You may have done amiss in deserting your Coulors and the Rt Honble Compas service you were obliged to, or may have otherwise offended our Lawes, but hearing of your repentence and sorrow for your faults, and inclinations to returne to your dutyes, these are therefore not only to desire and invite you thereto, but also to assure yo all of a full and free Pardon for your severall offences, which we hereby give and confirme by the authority, His Majty our Gracious King of England &c" has by his Royall Charter given to His Rt Honble East India Compa and from them derived to us their President & Council of Fort.St George, and that upon your arrivall each of you shall be entertained here in their Service according to your severall Capacities at the accustomed Pay as others in the same places doe now receive, with all other encouragements your services shall deserve which we hope will encourage you to returne chearfully to your dutyes, and not to continue in the service of Infidells where you are unsecure in your lives and Liberties & undoubtedly want that Comfort and Contentment you may enjoy here with your freinds and Countreymen which wee againe hereby oblige ourselves shall be to our power, Given under our Hands and the Right Honble Companyes Seale at ffort St George in the Citty of Madrass this 26: of Aprill Anno Dom: 1689.

> ELIHU YALE. JNº: LITTLETON. THOS: WAVELL. JOHN CHENEY.

WILLIAM FRASER. WILLIAM CAWLEY. THOMAS GRAY.

[25тн]

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Coppy of a Pardon granted Charles Hopkins.

Pardon to Charles Hopkins.

Whereas you Charles Hopkins have by evidence & lott the 12th Instant being justly condenned by a Coart Martiall to suffer death for your great & horrid Crime of Piracy, notwithstanding which we being inclin'd to mercy from the scence of your true repentance & hope of your future Reformation, Wee doe by you authority His gracious Majesty the King of England has granted by his Charter to his Rt Honbie East India Compa & from them derived to us, their President & Councill of Fort St George, doe hereby, remitt and Pardon you from your salentence & execution of death for your salentine of Pyracy and that you now only suffer the punishment orderd to be inflicted upon you, which we hope will terrific others and warn you from the like crime for the future which the Allmighty grant, given under our hands and the Rt Honbie Compa Seale at Fort St: George in the Citty of Madrass this 26: of Aprill Anuo Doffi: 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENKY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

Coppy of an order yt none shall trust above 2 Pags:

Coppy of an Order, that none shall trust either Soldiers or Seamen for more then two Pag*.

In Consideration of the many great injuries & prejudiceing the Garrison and Shipping have and do suffer by soldiers and seamens running into debt at punch Houses, and otherwise, for unnecessary & extravagant expences and charges, not only to the ruine of them and their ffamil[i]es, but often occasions their flying from their Coulors and duties to the services of forreigners & Infidells to the weakning, and impoverishing the Garrison and Shipps, to Prevent which for the future, These are therefore to publish, declare and forbid all persons whatever either publick or private Inhabitants of this Garrison and Citty of Madrass not to trust any Soldier or Seamen for more then two Pagodas, and whoever exceeds that, it shall be at their own perrill, declareing they shall have noe benefit of the Lawes or Justice, nor any such debter be thereby compell'd to pay more then two Pag*: whatever their debt shall amount to, and this to be a standing Law to y* Citty, made and given under our Hands and the R* Honbie Compas* Seale at Fort St: George in the Citty of Madrass this 26: of Aprill Anno Dom 1659.

ELIHU YALE,
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL,
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY

ELIHU YALE ESQ* PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUE
M* JOHN LITTLETON M* THOM* WAVELL
CAP* UI LIAM HEATH GAP*: JOS: HADDOOK
M* JOHN CLENEY M* WILL* FRASER
M* WILLIAM CAWLEY M* THO: GRAY.

Orderd goods & Treasure to be Carryd to Conimere,

They writeing from Conimere of their want of money & Europe goods, to compleat their contract wth their Merch^{ts} Tis orderd y^t 4 Bales of Broad cloth Ord^y & 5000 Pag^s be sent them on the Success Friggot to carry on & conclude this Investment.

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Since the Councill had desired to be excused their goeing to China, twas taken into consideration who of the Comp" Servts to send on the Defence to China & Mr Tho: Yale being next of degree & of good experience in those parts, he is orderd Cheif, Mr Makreeth Second Mr Mountague 3d Mr Price & Mr Butterfeild Assistts.

&ca orderd for China.

Capt Jos: Haddock deliverd in a bill of charges for dietting the Honble Capt Had-Compas Servas aboard his Ship from Bengli wherein he charges 18 pence a head P diem, web being too much, twas thought fitt to allow but 15 pence & ye Storekeep is orderd to examine ye sd accts & discharge ye same & take rec's for what he payes on that Acc'.

ducks bill of Charge examined. order'd ye discharge

Order'd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr Cawley Storekeep to defray charges of P. 1000 be pa the Rt Honble Compas Shipping.

thereof. Mr Cawley.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

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ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THURSDAY

MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL CAP* CAPT JOS : HADDOCK M^B JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The severall letters to Bombay Callicut Ruttera Carwar and Vizagapatam Letters to were read and past, also a Generall to the Honbie: Compa: all adviseing the state of Bombay &ca. past. their Affaires in these Parts to this time.

The Imployment of Judge Advocate and Record being now vacant by Sr John Biggs's death and the Mayors Coart wanting a Recorder, being now likely to be very much prest with its own buisiness and yt of the Coart of Admiraltyes, till a Judge Advocate shall arrive or be order'd by their Honrs for that Coart Till when, Judge Advocace suan arrive of Select a Recorder, or that one Alderman officiate that a Recorder to tis order'd that the Coart doe Elect a Recorder, or that one Alderman officiate that a Recorder to be chosen or place alternately one month, till we can be supplied wth a Lawyer to advise them in points of Law.

an Alderman to officiate yt

After long endeavours for the makeing stamps for the silver coynes, which yet being successless in & there being wanting of small money in town for the soldiers and Inhabitants, the fanams being engrest or lost, Tis therefore order'd order P that the Vallue of 5000 Pags in silver be coyn'd according to the former stamps made, and delivered out to the shroffs, soldiers and Housekeepers, and when better Silver fana stamps can be had to recall these, but that the coynes now be solemnly Pro- according to former ciaimed.

Stamps.

There being great complaints that the Compas & other Hilliards are not soe exact as they ought to be, tis therefore recommended to the Mayor and Aldermen to call them in and adjust them, and that all large weits from 14, to 100£ do pay one fanam each for sealing.

And here being a want of Attorneys for the Mayors Coart, Tis orderd that The weights the Attorneys of the Coart of Admiralty may have the Liberty of Pleading in that be adjusted. Coart, but that ye fees be first regulated according to our former rules & not to exceed three Pags an action.

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order Capt. of ye Train bands ;

Cap' Rob' ffreeman being deceased & his place of Cap' of the Train'd Bands Mr Tho Gray Vacant, Tis orderd that Mr Tho: Gray be Commissiond thereto, and that he summons ye Compa & exercise them yt they may be in a posture & readyness against any trouble that may come upon us.

P 1000 be pd Mr. Cheney.

Order'd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymastr to defray charges Garrison.

Merchts requesting Broad cloth instead of ye Corrall. Thought fitt to grant.

The Merchts haveing not yet recd ye Corrall upon ye last Contract & desireing to have Broad cloth Ordy in lieu thereof weh: in consideration of the great quantity we have by us & much of it damag'd & the rest more lyable to decay yn Corrall, Tis therefore thought fitt and orderd to grant them their Request therin & the Warehousekeep' is orderd to compute and deliver the same.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNO: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL CAP[™] WILL^M HEATH CAPT MR JOHN CHENEY . MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

The Presidents Acct Cash read. Mr Littleton

The President read his Cash Acct for the month of Aprill which was past in Councill the ballance examined amounting to Pags 25988: 14: 2.

Mr John Littleton, read his Warehouse book of Accts for the month of March. which was past in Councill.

Acct read. Mr Grays Accts read.

Mr Thomas Gray read his books of Acc's of the Land Customes and mintage eduties for ye month of Aprill, which was past in Councill.

A parcell of armes orderd to be bought.

There being a great want of armes in this garrison and Capt Weltden haveing about 45 fusees, Tis order'd that they be bought for the Rt Honble Compas use, his lowest price being Page 44 each.

Mr Littleton & Mr Cawly orderd to examine ye Bengall Accts. Orderd 20 Portuguez be entertaind in

Mr John Littleton and Mr William Cawley are orderd to joine with the Agent &ca of Bengall, and examine and settle Capt Heaths &ca Bengall accta & expences, that we may make a conclusion therein & clear their severall bills and Demands.

the Gun-600 pigs be traverst Abd ye Defence

Orderd that twenty Portuguez be entertained in the Gunners crew, also six fitting English Soldiers be drawn out of each Company for that Service, there being great want of them for the many Gunns Points and Bulworks, in the Garri-Capt William Heath wanting Ballast for his ship on his designd Voyage, Tis

from ye Resolution.

hundred Piggs of Lead aboard the Defence from ye Resolution and twenty Candy of Tinn from ashoar. The Paymaster and Storekeep again orderd to repair and fitt the Garrison walls and supply other defects necessary, that may tend to the defence of the place against our Enimies; who as we are advised intend to assault us suddainly, but they often talk & threaten more then they Intend.

orderd for ye greater Expedition, that the Warehousekeeper doe traverse six

Paymastr &ca orderd to repair ye Garrison walls &ca

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Orderd that Pags 1000 be deliverd Mr Jno Cheney Paymaster, to defray the Garrison charges.

P 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. W™: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

THURSDAY 10.

Noe Consultation.

Generall to Conimere approved and signed, ordering up all the Rt Honble Compa Bales, wth all Expedition, least the troubles in those parts (which haveing advice of that they are comeing on) should occasion their stopping them.

Generall to Conimere.

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ELIPU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL CAPT WILL HEATH CAPT JOSEP: HADDOCK MR WILLM: FRASER M^R JOHN CHENEY ME WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

MUNDAY 13.

The french news from Surrat, and the Callicutt Gener's were perused and The french considerd of and orderd to be remitted home to the Rt Honble Compa the first news from Surrat Pused.

oppertunity, wth the Rest we shall receive upon that unhappy subject.

orderd to be sent home.

For the early dispatching of the new Defence for China, It is orderd that she be unladen with all expedition, and that most of the Masulas be orderd thereto, also Defence that the shipps boats and sloops doe give their assistance therein, and after many orderd to be unladen with considerations and Debates what Factors to send for dispose of the Stock, all expedit. resolved that Mr Thoms Yale goe-Cheif, Mr John Heynes Second, Mr Thomas Makreeth third, and Mr Mountague fourth Mr Price and Mr Butterfeild Assistants, ve four first to be of Councill who are to consult togeather in all affaires of moment and act by majority of Voates as # Instructions given them and that two of them be sent to Persia to mannage the buisiness there in case of mortallity, haveing advice of Agent Shaxton's death, the other four to returne from Malacca hither.

The Warehousekeep and Storekeep are also orderd to hasten the unladeing orderd to the Resolution that she may proceed as orderd to the West Coast, and that the rest Resolution, of the Vessells be fitted to be disposed on such Voyages and occasions as may happen for ym and since there is such a great want of Masulaes, here the Warehousekeep is orderd for the greater expedition, to hire some of the Country boats

to receive their Ladeing.

The Warehousekeep' acquainting the Councill of some Merch's that offer to Lead to be buy a quantity of Lead, but will not give more then 9 Page & Candy, which the less sold at 9 P then usuall yet we haveing great quantitys by us it is order'd to sell and deliver out as much as they have occasion for at the aforesaid price.

Also that the Ship Recovery be freed wth all possible speed and deliverd to ship Reco-Mr Daniel Chardin he being soe much dissatisfied with his bargaine, that he seems very be freed to desireous to be freed from it.

Mr Chardin.

Wee have endeavourd what possibly we could for an Advantagious freight Resolved ye for the Saphir Friggot but none being procureable worth her time and charge, for Atchein Tis resolved the sending her to Atchein on the Rt Honble Compas acct with oyle on ye Com? butter &c^a Bengall stores, they not being vendible here, being much decay'd alsoe Acot. other goods procureable upon freight at 10 \ Cent Course and S \ Cent Fine.

freight course & fine.

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Silver Proclaimed.

Capt Heaths bill of Charge. Orderd to be examined & report ye Mr Holoomb order 2d Searcher.

Mr Barron orderd to

Porto Novo.

bill.

Orderd that the silver covnes be solemnly Proclaimed by beat of drum and Solver Cornes to be other accustomary Ceremonyes and to pass currant at 36: the Pago as by the following order to be publickly read and putt up on the Garrison and Citty gates.

Capt Willm Heath deliverd in a bill of charges for dyetting the Rt Honble Compas servants and soldiers upon his ship from the bay hither amounting to £124: 4: which the Accofm ptant and Paymast are orderd to examine and report to the Councill the state thereon before it be Paid.

The Searchers office of the Customes requireing more Assistance for the buisiness, and there being noe other employment at present for Mr Holcomb, Tis orderd that he be appointed Second Searcher and that the fees of that place be equally devided betwixt Mr Swynoke and Him, Mr Swynoke being indisposed that he cannot attend it so well as he ought.

Mr Edw Barron being returned from the Mogul[Is] Camp upon rect of our Pardon and promise of continueing his Employment, Tis therefore orderd that he goe to Porto Novo to command the Soldiers there as Ensigne.

The Commandre and Commissiond Officers haveing according to order survey'd the garrison & examined the stores, and Ammunition reported the defects and wants of them, we the Paymast and Storekeep are orderd to repair and supply wth all expedition.

The Paymaster is orderd to pay off the Surgeons bill, for medicines bought

Paymas'r to pay off ye Surgeons out of the Bazar for the last four months.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº : CHENRY. WILL: FRASER. W[™]: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secity.

Proclamation For the silver coynes. By order of the Rtt Honble Company.

Proclamation for ye Silver Coynes.

There being great want of small money for exchange as well for Traffique as other necessary occasions of Families for the buying Provisions &ca expences, [t]he Gold fanams being scarce and dear, either by Loss Transporting or engresseing them, they being also very inconvenient by their smallness and often lost or counterfeited to the great Prejudice of the Inhabit* To prevent which inconveniencyes for the future, The Governour and Councill have contrived & orderd severall silver coynes to be made and to pass currantly throughout the Garrison and Citty without any denyall exception or alteration at thirty six fanams to the Pagoda both in receipt or Payment upon Penalty of forfeiting five Page for each contempt or refuseall. The said money being calculated and made at a just and a reasonable rates being of Dollers or English standard finess, and at twenty five fanams the ounce, coyn'd into two fanams, one fanam, and half fanam peices of equal weights and finess and tis hereby proclaimed death by our Law to clipp counterfeit or debase the same Made and given at Fort St George in the Citty of Madras this 15 of May Anno Dom 1689.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THOM'S WAVELL, JOHN CHENEY. WILLIAM FRASER. WILLM CAWLEY. THOMAS GRAY.

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR THOMS WAVELL. Mª JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILL'M HEATH CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK ME WILL FRASER M^R JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

WEDNES-DAY 15.

Capt Will Tuer, upon Sloop Princess arriveing yesterday from Bombay with the unhappy news of the Siddies landing his forces wth 5000 men, plundering and destroying the Town, and taken severall out Bulworks and reduced the fort to such a bad condition, y' they were forc't to shipp off their treasure goods and necessaryes for safety, haveing as they write but little hopes of keeping the Fort Garrison forwithout some considerable succour from their neighbours, and since it cannot be ces. supposed but that those troubles will effect yo place also and that we cannot be much longer free from a Seige or assault, which they have often threatned us with, Twas therefore absolutely necessary for the safety of the place and the Rt Honble Compas concerns resolved to encrease our Garrison forces, both in Soldiers, Canoneers and Ammunition Stores & provisions, and for the present have resolved upon the following settlement of the Garrison Forces into four Compas half each day to mount ye Garrison & out gaurds Vizt.

Capt James Bett.

Leiv BENRY SEEMAN. JAMES HINTCHMAN Ense.

> 4 Sergeants. 4 Corporalls. Soldiers.

JOHN HILL Leivt 1 Pay. JOHN CROOKSHANKS Fins! ..

4 Sergeants. 4 Corporalls. Sentinells.

FRAN' SEATON Capt Leivten' Comdr of the Granodeers 80: one a each day to mount ye fort gaurd. ALEXANDE WOODALL Ense.

WILL™ BOWDLER writr at 1 Pay Ensg. 6 Sergeants. 6 Corporalls. Armerer & powderman.

HENRY SINCLAR Leiv*.

REAY ENSIGNE. 4 Sergeants. 1 Corporalls. Sentinalls.

The Compa of the Granodee [r]s consisting of 80 Soldiers, the half of them each Millitia. day to mount the fort gaurd, and the half of the other three Companies to be each day upon duty. Vizt one whole Company to be Posted to yo severall gates and Bulwarks, of the Garrison, ye Mainegaurd to be at the Chowltry Gate and that the other half Compa be devided to the out Towne gaurds the Cheife whereof to be at the North Gate.

And there being great want of Armes for the Rtt Honble Compas Servants, who Armes are now formed into a Company under Cap' Thomas Gray and exercise weekly, bought. and there offering a parcell belonging to the owners of shipp Rebecca for sale the Stor[e]keeper is orderd to buy them as cheap as he cann gett them but not to exceed

3½ Pag* a peice.

And although the Defence and Saphir were orderd for China and Atchein Upon ye Sad yet the late sad news of the dangerous troubles at Bombay putt us upon new Bombay. considerations and measures, Twas therefore discourst and left to the Councills twas cented whether to considerations, whether we should send them upon their intended Voyages or consend ye Detinne them and the provisions here for the security of the Place at least to deferr fence & Saphr to Chitheir sending some time, till we hear further news of the Condition of Bombay.

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[15TH] Steward orderd to make provision for ye Garrison

The Steward is also order'd to procure whatt Provisions he cann, both of salted flesh and fish and live Cattle for the maintenance of the place in case of a seige, also arrack wood and water to be stored up.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO : WAVELL. JN°: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM : CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

Ship Delight arrived from Calliout. News from Bombay.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Shipp Delight Robert Turlington Master arriveing this morning from Callicut brought a Generall from the Cheif &ca: there dated the 20: of last month adviseing of the Generalls good success in killing about three hundred of the Siddies men with the loss of not above eight of our men, which made them retire, and come to a treaty, but nothing was concluded therein at that time but great hopes of an accomodation.

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Chinna Vencatadry the Rt Honble Company's Cheif Merchant dyed of a tedious Chiana Ven- Chinna vencaradry, the to from Company's Cheff dropsicall distemper and in respect to his quallity was honoured with ye usuall respect of gunns on such occasions at the fireing his funerall Pile.

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SATURDAY 18.

ELIHU YALE ESOR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL CAPT WILL HEATH
ME JOHN CHENEY CAPT JOS : HADDOCK Mª WILLM: FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY

News from

Receiveing a letter from the Cheif and Councill at Conimere adviseing that Vittalepillee is come to pay them a visitt wth 500 horse and foott beleived to be design'd to borrow money or gett a Present, he haveing not rec" the accustomary Piscash this two years past, Tis therefore referred to them to agree with him as well as they can, but that they be as frugall therein as yo necessity of the case will admitt of.

The buisiness of keeping Capt Heath for the defence of the place was again considered and debated but noething resolved therein, being deferred till next Consultation day in hopes of better news from Bombay.

Capt Spencer entertaind Gunner for ve outworks.

Our danger being greater and our gunns and Bulworks much more then formerly, twas thought necessary to entertaine another gunner for the out works which Imployment, we have prevailed wth Capt Spencer to undertake at 10 Page a month, hee being a person wee esteeme able and fitt for it,

Arrack to be bought for Stores at 16 pa. P Butt.

Here being a parcell of arrack arrived from Goa which will be very much wanted for the garrison. The Storekeep' is ordered to buy and lay up such a quantity as we have convenient room for, but not to exceed the Price of 16 pags the butt.

Capt Heath haveing submissively acknowledged his late Errour and desireing a mitigation of the fine putt upon him, which upon consideration that he hath observed the rest of our orders & promiseing a better complyance for the 100 Pags fine future, The Councill thought fitt to release one half of his 200 Page fine, ordering him now to Pay but 50 to the Honble Compa and 50 to the Corporation.

> The President &ca upon ye new modelling and settlement of the Garrison and Officers to encourage their care and dilligence, thought fitt to present each of

taken off of Capt Heath.

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them with Broad cloth for a coat, which the warehousekeep is order'd to deliver to them.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM : CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

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ELIHU YALE ESOR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR ME JOHN LITTLETON ME THOMS WAVELL CAPT JOS: HADDOCK CAPT WILL HEATH MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILL FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

MUNDAY

Mr Thomas Wavell read his book of Accts of the Sea Customes for the month Acct read. of Aprill which was past in Councill Vizt. [hiatus in the original.]

Haveing complied wth our agreement in the fitting out Ship Princess of declaration Denmark for China to saile hence the first Instant, at which time she was in a readiness to have follow'd their orders, but contrary to our expectation she still agest ye Jewes continues here, and the season growing late, may endanger her Passage thither, Tis therefore thought fitt to make a declaration against their delayes, (as is her contractenterd next after this Consultation) to indemnifye the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a and us ^{ed time}. from future accidents and prejudice, that may accrue thereon.

the Princess The sending

The Sending of Ship Defence to China was againe debated, but deferrd till ye Defence to China denext Consultation to give our resolves thereon, in hopes of better news by that bated. time from Bombay.

time from Bombay.

Mr Heynes and Mr Wattson giveing a Petition to be satisfied for some arrack sold the Agent and Council of Bengall for the Rt Honble Compass use there satisfied, for which afterward was by the Warrs & other accidents burnt, so deferrd the Rack sold ye payment thereof, which upon examination was found that they had agreed in Gompa.

Consultation for the buying of 354 maund, 250 whereof were delivered and paid in to you be for. Tis thought reasonable and orderd that the remaynder be also paid for to the

severall Demanders in proportion to their agreement.

Orderd that the Warehousekeeper doe deliver one Chest of Silver to the Mintmaster to be couned into fanams &ca new counces, those already made being insufficient.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JN° CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Declaration Coppy of a Declaration sent to M. Barth: Rodriguez & Comps concerning against Mr Rodrigues. the Princess of Denmark.

TO M' BARTHOL: RODRIGOES AND COMPANY.

Wee haveing according to our Contract and agreement comply'd in the prepareing & fitting Shipp Princess of Denmark, Capt Joseph Haddock Command to be in a readiness to Saile for her Voyage to China the first Instant, when she was ready to have follow'd your orders therein, & we expected you would have accordingly dispatch't her, but for what reasons we know not she still continues

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in the road, and so late in the year as may endanger the loss of her Passage to China. These are therefore in behalf of the R' Hon^{blo} Comp* to declare against your said delayes, wee being noe wayes the occasion thereof, haveing duely \$\psi\$ formed our engagements therein, and therefore all future accidents & disappointments of this Voyage must be imputed to the late detention of her here, so that we expect & require that you will indemnifie the R' Hon^{blo} Company and us from all Prejudice therein and duely \$\psi\$ form the said Contract with them. Dated in flort S'. George in the Citty of Madrass this 20th May 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

22 News from Bombay. By a shipp arrived this day at S^t. Thoma from Goarec^d a continuation of the late news from Callicut of the Generalls good Success at Bombay of his resolute defence of [their] Enimies to the destruction of a considerable number of them, and the rest to retreat.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 23.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOM^S WAYELL CAP^T WILL^R HEATH M^R JOHN CHENFY M^R WILL FRASER M^R WILL CAWLEY M^R THOMAS GRAY.

The news received yesterday by a Porteguez Shipp from Goa, that Bombay continues so resolute a defence against their Enimies to the distruction of a considerable number and the rest retyre and offer a cessation of armes, but this being no later news then we rec⁴ from Callicut we suppose it the same and makes little alteration in our debate about the Defences goeing to China, but this day receiving news from Pullicherry by a french Ship lately arrived there from France, that there is great Probability of a warr betwixt England and Holland and that the Dutch had taken two of our Shipps in Europe, which makes the Defence's Voyage more doubtfull and dangerous then formerly she being to Pass the Forces of Mallacca, but there being no advice or certaine news by any of our letters, we deferr our resolutions till Munday next, however the Captaine is orderd to gett his ship in a readyness for saileing, which he has promised to do in six days time, for which the boats and all other assistance is orderd him.

The resolves on sending ye Defence to China deferd.

An Armerour be entertained.

Cap* Haddock haveing a spare Armerour the Garrison being greatly in want of one, Tis orderd that he doe discharge him from the Ship, and the Paymaster doe

spare him another in exchange.

M' Thomas Gray and M' Hen' Mose being appointed by the late Coart of Admiralty to devide the condemnd Estate of an insolvent Debtor one John Poise, Inhabitant of this Place, which Acct and Dividend being produced in Councill, Wee doe approve ye same and order that they Pay each Creditor their Respective Shaires.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

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MUNDAY 26.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Mª John Littleton MR THOMAS WAVELL MR WILLM HEATH
MR JOHN CHENEY CAPT Jos: HADDOCK MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeep is orderd to deliver two chests of Copper Mr Wavell to the Mintmast' to be covn'd into Cash, being much wanted in towne.

orderd to deliver 2 Chest Copper to be coynd into Cash,

Since the sad newes from Bombay and the french reports of a warr with Holland, both which may bring this place into great danger or necessity severall of the Councill were dissatisfied at the defence's proceeding for China, and many of the subscribers to that Voyage recalling their subscriptions, which has occasion'd severall debates on that affair, but the lateness of the season requireing our resolutions therein, and it being a buisiness of great consequence, to alter our res[0] lives we had advised the R' Honbe Compa off, the President therefore after duely stateing and representing the matter in all its Circumstances, proposed and desired for the fairer and fuller dicission and satisfaction therein, that the Councill being now all mett would severally give in their opinions and reasons about the Shipp's proceedings to China or not, which each person drew up and deliverd the Secretary as followeth Vizt.

I am apprehensive of noe suddaine danger that threatens this Place or the The President Rt Honble Compas concernes haveing hitherto a freindly correspondence with the decounties Government, besides we cannot be long without ships either from Europe, Persia, resolves Surrat or the West Coast and therefore noe necessity of keeping the Defence here about re for a gaurd. It may also be a great disappointment to the Honbie Compa to alter ship defence. her Voyage, after we have advised them of it, Tis therefore my opinion that she goe, to China as designed, which will employ her time and stock, to compensate the charge of her demorage.

ELIHU YALE.

The reason why I am not for Capt Heaths going for China is Vizt Bombay being under great troubles that in all probability, it cannot long withstand ve Enimy therefore it is necessary that one Europe Shipp bee in this road to secure the Rt Honble Compas Estate.

THOMAS WAVELL.

For the Ship Defence's goeing for China, I think it very requisite, for that advice is given by the Williamson to the Rt Honble Compa which cannot be recalled, and for my own part haveing subscribed to near 4 part of the stock design'd upon said Shipp, in case the Honble Company disapprove thereof, and accordingly have orderd Insurances to be made in England, also doe beleive, the said ship to be little serviceable upon the Coast.

WILLIAM HEATH.

If the affaires at Bombay proves unsuccessfull the ships that are there, will certainly retire to the Fort, so by their comeing, to our assistance, The Defence it is my opinion may be spared, to proceed on her Voyage to China.

Jos: HADOCK.

That she stay here untill hear from Bombay and not goe for China my

1: The probability of Lost Bombay, the Mogull threatning it and us, and haveing made a great breach in the walls. 21y The probability of a warr wth Holland and not unlikely a civill warr, which may hinder Shipps comeing out. 315 [26_{TH}]

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No Ships of force or countenance to secure the R* Honble Compas Estate and their servants in case should be forced off as undoubtedly shall, If God divert it not by the Mogulls death. 4b that of ships here are but weak & small, if occasion should force us to retire on board. 5b y t if it be judged so necessary to send her then to keep the Resolution for the satisfaction of the Inhabitants & security of the Compas estate &c.

JNº CHENEY.

The Consideration of the great danger & many troubles under which the R' Hon^{blo} Comp^a Labour under, as appears by late advices from Bombay & seems yet to be worse. 2^{bv} If there is (as already beleived) a breach wth Holland. 3^{bv} It is not unlikely, but the advices from the Hon^{blo} Comp^a by the first ship now dayly expected may enorder us to continue and prosecute the warr Vigorously against the Mogull, and that the Conduct thereof be committed and continued in the Person of Cap^t Heath: 4^{bv} The Mogulls lying not farr off us, threatning saddainly to assault this place & seeing we ought to preferr the keeping and maintaining of the Comp^{as} Estate and flactories with all the forces we cann by sea & land for these reasons & what more might be said, I incline and my opinion is that the Defence goe not to China, unless the Resolution stay here in the road, there being no other to goe for England next August or September if Peace in Europe.

WILLIAM FRASER.

I am not of the opinion that the Defence should goe for China and Persia for the following reasons viz. the likew^a of a warr wth Holland, and the dangerous Condition Bombay is in and the orders the Mogull hath sent to Surratt to prosecute the warr against us in every part for to turne us quite out of his Dominions, soe consequent we must suddainly expect to be beseiged here, wherefore its of absolute necessity to keep a gaurd ship here for to ship off the R' Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Estate, to preserve it, as likewise their servants, in case we are beaten out of the Fort, its but what the Generall observed to keep all the ships by him at Surrat, Bombay, for security and Defence.

WILLIAM CAWLEY.

The Defence to goe for China there being the prespect of an advantagious Voyage for the Company, and in my opinion noe necessity for her stay here, since in all Probability we may expect a ship or two suddainly from Europe or some other Part before any danger and her demorage too great for her keeping upon a frivilous Slight Pretence.

THO: GRAY.

Where the Majority of Voates being for her stay here, to secure the R* Honbue Comp^{ss} estate from the dangers may be expected. The Cap* was accordingly ordered to desist his preparation for the China Voyage & to continue his ship here till further order.

ELIHU YALE,
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secty.

Shipps Princess of Denmark, Capt: Jos: Haddock Comd: and the morning' Starr, Armiger Gostlin Mast' sett sail this morning for China.

Generall from Surrat dated the 16 of Aprill last, confirming former advices of their continued deplorable Condition there, under severe confinement.

The Princess &ca sett saile for China. 29.
Genll fro Surrat.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^B JOHN LITTLETON M^B THO^S WAVELL CAP^T WILL^M HEATH M^B JOHN CHENEY M^B WILLIAM FRASER M^R WILL^M CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

THURSDAY.

Tis herby orderd that any of the Councill may have the Liberty of dispose- Any of ye ing any of the Rt Honble Companys goods to sale, provided he first acquaint the Councill with the price, and have their approvall thereof, and yn the Warehouse- Company to agree a state of the council with the price, and have their approval that when any damaged goods are keep to deliver them according to agreem also that when any damaged goods are Goods. sold by any, that the Warehousekeep : and one more of the Councill or Assistants be present at the Valluation of such damages.

Mr. Thomas Wavell, Warehousekeep read his book of Accts for the month of Mr. Wevels Accts read.

May, which was past in Councill.

Capt Sharp's Acct of charges for dyetting the Soldiers from Bengall, being Capt Sharps Pused, by the accomptant & Paymaster, the Storekeeper is orderd to discharge ined, the sd bill only deducting for one butt of arrack as it cost in Bengall,

to discharge

Thomas Constable being much afflicted with the Barbeer distemper which is we same. very difficult to be cured here haveing successlessly tryed many experiments, tables request desires leave to goe a Voyage to China, where he hopes to find some remedy to granted. the recovery of his health and limbs, in consideration whereof tis thought fitt to grant him his request but that his sallary and all other allowances from the Rt

Honble Compa doe cease till his returne from his Voyag[e]. M. John Hill being appointed Leivtenant, of one of the Garrison Compa and Mr Holoomb his imploy in the Receivers office at the Custome house being thereby Vacant Mr Sparcher.

Swynock is orderd to take charge thereof, and Mr Symon Holcomb appointed Searcher in Mr Swynokes place, Mr John Butterfeild to be his Assistant, Mr Nath: Halsy Custome Warehousekeep' and that he keep the keyes thereof, with a dayly accoof what recd and deliverd & to be accomptable for what lost thence, in consideration of the fees allow'd him for it.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº : CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM : CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec19.

JUNE.

Mr John Nicks Cheif &c" of Conimere ffactory arriv'd here this day on the Dyamond ffriggot, from Porto Novo wth the Rt Honble Compas Bales.

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MUNDAY.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Mª JOHN LITTLETON Mª THOMS WAVELL CAPT: WILL^M HEATH ME ME WILLIAM FRASER ME WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Sloop Ballasore being so very much decay'd yt twill not be worth the charge sloop Ballaof repaireing her, & there being sufficient other sloops for our occasions, and to be sold.

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Capt Hussey offering 88 Page for her, Tis agreed that she be sold at that price she being surveyed by severall Masters vallued at 50 Pa.

Capt Spencer's Acct examined. orderd to allow ye same.

Cap' John Spencer haveing deliverd in an Acc' of disbursements &c' expended on the Madrass ffriggot in his West Coast Voyage web being duely examined by the accompt & storekeep, twas agreed reasonable to allow of the same & the storekeep is accordingly orderd to pay y ball: of the said Acc only suspending the payment of 80 Doll for the 2 Slaves said to be sold the R Houble Comp' till we can be further satisfied from thence haveing no advice thereof.

Order'd that Pags 1000 be paid the Storekeep for disbursements on the

Rt Honble Compas Shipping &ca.

Capt Spencer gunner of the out works delivering in a list of sevil stores & necessarys much wanting in ye Garrison weh the Paymast is orderd to provide or as many of them as he cann as soon as possible.

Stores and necessarys for ye Garrison orderd to be provided. Dyamond to be unladen. P 1000 be

Mr Tho: Wavell Warehouskeep' is orderd to unlade the Porto Novo & Conimere Bales on the Dyamond ffriggot with all expedition.

Orderd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymastr to defray the

Garrison Charges.

Orderd that the allow'd Commission on the Rt Honble Compas adventure on Ship James to China be paid according to their Honrs appointment, upon so much thereof as was Invested in China.

2000 Doller be pd Capt Sharp on Charter #ty acct.

pd Mr Cheney.

Capt William Sharp, Comd of Ship Resolution, requiring the 2000 \$: allow'd him in Charter ty: The Warehousekeep is orderd to pay it him accordingly takeing two receipts for the same.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº : CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

4. Genl to Surrat.

Generall to Surratt of this date approved and signed adviseing them of the present occurrances in these parts.

Passes to Shipps Boa Vista and Jerusalam Mark, belonging to Cojee Abnuce and Don Theodorus de st Lucas.

THURSDAY Noe Consultation. 6.

The Success ffriggot sett saile for the Port of Armagon for a Ladeing of redd wood, which lyes there in readiness.

Saphir ffriggot, Capt Tho: Lacy Command sett sail for Porto Novo.

Armagon. Saphyr sett saile for Porto Novo. Advice from Porto Novo.

Success sett

saile for

Letter from Porto Novo, adviseing of a small Dutch Vessells arrivall at Cape Comerin from Europe, weh haveing been but three months twelve dayes on her Passage, and brings news of a warr, with Holland and that the Dutch were makeing great preparations for the same.

Pass to

Pass to the Curtana ffriggot, Capt Antony Weltden Commander, bound for Three fugitives from Bombay arriveing here this day in A Porteguez Ship

from Goa, were by the Presidts order secured and deliver'd up to the Mayor and Aldermen in order to their examination, which was accordingly done.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR

MUNDAY 10.

The President read his Acct Cash for the month of May which was examined The Presiand past in Councill and the ballance amounting to . . . Pag 37338: 14; 2. Mr John Cheney Paymastr his book of Accts for the month of Aprill was read and past in Councill Particul Vizt.

Mr Cheney

1279: 07: 3 Paga Charges Garrison $373:19:\frac{3}{16}$ Charges Generall ,, Charges Merchandize 75: 33: -... Charges Dyett 310:33: ,, $74:33:\frac{5}{16}$ Acct ffortification & repaires ,, Acct Cattle 16: 24: Ffactors Provisions 138:14: ,, West Coast 469:31: ٠.. ... ,, Acct Plate 231: 8: ...

Pags 2970: 24: 15

Capt William Tuer being by the Generall a[t] Surratt recommended to us to Capt Tuers give a more Particular Acc' of the troubles and Warr at Bombay, he accordingly deliver'd in a narative thereof, which is order'd to be transcribed and remitted to the Honble Compa for their Perusall.

narrative of ye Trans actions at Bombay. sent home.

· Capt Thoms Waltrope delivering an Acct of what expended in his Voyage from Orderd to the West Coast, the Paymaster & Storekeep are orderd to examine & report it to examine Capt Walthe Councill.

tropes Acet & P: 1000 be pd Mr Cheney.

Orderd that Page 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymastr to defray charges garrison &ca.

The Ballance of the Cuddalore books being lately sent us, whereupon examina- Ye Accompt tion are found severall Debtors to the Rt Honble Compa The Accomptant is therefore orderd to examine and demand it of them and bring it into their Honrs Cash.

orderd to examine ye ball : of the Cuddalcre

The Warehousekeep' gave in an acc' of 40 Garse of Paddy bought for Stores amounting to Pags 653: 2: weh is orderd to be accordingly paid for, and that he doe buy soe much more to make it up 100 Garse and to sell off the Rice as soon Orderd to pay as possible, since tis more perishable and is already upon the decay.

for ye paddy bought. A Coart

There being four English fugitives lately come from Bombay upon a Goa Ship, who being seiz'd & secured by the Governour's order, Tis orderd that a Martiall to be held Coart Martiall be held at the Fort Hall upon Wednesday next at Ten a clock in the for ye morning for their examination and Tryall and that the Governour be President fugitives. of the Coart.

> examined in the ye

Chinna Tombe haveing been in Prison these six years for a debtt of 500 Pags Chinna to the Rt Honble Compa but is doubted rather to be Mr Robert Freemans Dr: The to be Mayor and Aldermen are orderd strictly to examine the accts and rightly Judge the case.

Mayors

for the security and gaurding the Rt Honble Compas estate and servants at Coart. Porto Novo, Tis orderd that the Saphir Friggot be sent thither and to take in sent to Porto their goods and remaines there till further from us, the countrey being all over in Secure ye

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Compas Concernes.

Warr and troubles and a hott report of a warr twixt us and the Dutch, and that they are makeing great preparations for it at Batavia and Neggapatam.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

12. Coart Martiall held.

Dilligence.

13,

Pollicat Avaldars

ordr to

hinder all

The Coart Martiall held this day at the Fort Hall for the examination and tryall of the four fugitives from Bombay, who were sentenced to be whipt aboard all the Europe Shipps in the road.

Pass to Shipp Dilligent belonging to Mr Dan: Chardin.

Pass to Ship A letter from Capt Thoms Waltrope, Mastr of the Success ffrigget at Armagon, adviseing that the Avalda[r] of Pollicatt had given out orders, to all along that coast that they should not supply the English wth either wood water or Provisions. putting a stopp to the Ladeing of Redwood she went down for. English's pro-

ceedings. 14. Letter to ye Avaldar to know ye reasons of his orders.

Letter to the Governour of Pollicatt, from the President, desireing to know the reasons of His stopping the Rt Honble Companyes Redwood at Armagon, which he has since excused himself in a letter to the President pretending he had not knowne yt it belong'd to us and yt it was the Duans orders for the stopping of all sorts of wood, for their buildings.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 17.

ELIHU YALE ESOR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR THOMS WAVELL M^R JOHN LITTLETON CAPT WILL HEATH Mª JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY Mª THOMAS GRAY Sick.

Capt Leslie commissiond Leivt at Conimere.

Our Conimere and Porto Novo Factories being in great danger by the severall armies there in action who have plunderd most of the townes round them and the Commander of the Company of Soldiers being lately dead and Capt James Leslye requesting the Imployment Tis orderd that he be Commissiond Leivtenant of that Company, and that Ensigne James Hintchman goe his Ensigne, also that their forces be compleated to a Company of sixty men, and M. John Nicks Cheif sending a list of ammunition Stores and necessaryes wanting in that Garrison, the Paymaster & Storekeep are orderd to Provide them and lade them upon Sloop [lacuna in the original] who is orderd to be dispatch't thither with all Expedition, and to remain there for safegaurd of the Rt Honble Companys concerns there.

Mr. Grays Acct read.

M' Thomas Gray His books of Accts of the Land Customes and Mint book were read and Past in Councill Vizt.

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[17TH]

Mr Daniell Chardin delivering in an Acct of what expended in the unladeing To examine of Ship Recovery till her delivery, the Paymaster and Storekeeper are orderd to examine and Pay it.

A letter to Jehan Bawder Cawn Nobob of Bengall concerning our poor Letter to ye English Captives detained there, also some discourse about the occasion of our late Bengall. unhappy troubles and the advantages our trade has been to that Government, read and past and orderd to be Translated and sent by M' Chardin now bound to to be sent by

Nabob of

ye Bay of Bengall, also a letter to Mr Henry Stanly &ca.

Capt William Heaths Accts haveing been duely examind and corrected, as also another for Swords Blades &c" here which were approved, allowed and orderd to be adjusted with submission to the Rt Honble Compas approbation therein & for what Ammunition Stores and Provision is charged upon him in Bengall, Tis orderd that he give an Acct of the dispose thereof, and make good what shall be wanting.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER. W": CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Ship Dilligence belonging to Mr Daniel Chardin sett saile this Evening for 18. the Bay of Bengall.

Dilligence Saild for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRYDAY 21.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOHN LITTLETON MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER M^R WILL™ CAWLEY

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

Capt John Spencer Cheif gunner of the out Garrison deceasing vesterday by an unhappy accident in fitting Granadoes was burnt with powder, wherein the an unnappy accurent in number of control of the con other allowances the other had haveing great occasion of one to fitt and mannage ye outworks. our out Bullworks these dangerous times.

Ensigne Hinchman being removed to the Compa at Conimere to serve in that station there and there wanting a person to supply his place and Mr Trevor Mr. Games Games a Gentleman well recommended to us as also by the officers for his skill in commis-armes, courage and sobriety, who haveing served some time as Volenteer und Cap signe. Seaton in the Granadee[r] Compa he is fitter for the charge and is therefore orderd to be Commissioned youngest Ensigne to that Compa their number & Exercise requireing two, it consisting of about 100 men but he being also the Rt Honble Compas covenanted Servant tis order'd that his sallary be continued but that hee receive noe more then half Pay for his millatary Imployment.

There wanting one of Councill at Conimeer Mr Sam" Meverell is orderd to Mr Meverall goe third thither upon Sloop Thomas & that the master take his necessaryes aboard, of Conimere, also that the officers & 10 Soldiers doe take their Passage on said Sloop and that

she be this day dispatcht.

The Moors Governour of Pollicat haveing returnd a very freindly answer to Pollicat the Presidents Letter to him about the stopping of the boats at Pollicatt & recalled his reddwood at Armagon, both which being now releast according to Capt Walthrope order. advice from thence and the Said Governour desireing some small matter of gratuity,

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orderd 5 yds Scarlet be sent him.

Tis orderd that 5 yards of Scarlet, a prospective Glass & a case of Spectacles be sent him for this kindness and to engage his future friendship.

The Mercht deliverd in a Petition, Alungall & the Cheif Merchants giveing in a Petition to the Councill wherein they complaine of the great Loss charge and many difficulties in bringing in their present Investment, alledging great impediments from the warrs & Scarcity in the countrey, Tis orderd yt the said Petition be translated for our Pusall and further considerations.

Mr Cheney orderd to take care of Capt. Spencers Concernes. Cap' Spencer haveing by his Will constituted & appointed M' Henry Alford & Cap' Charles Metcalf overseers thereto, who being unwilling to accept of the charge, they have declared their unwillingness thereto and refusall thereof, but that a due care may be taken of his concernes, M' John Cheney Paymaster is orderd to take an Inventory of his estate here and to receive sell and dispose thereof as he shall Judge [m]ost advantagious for the Executors, and that he bring the nett Proceed thereof into the R' Honbie Comp" Cash to be paid by them to the Proprietors in England.

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER
W*: CAWLEY.

22 The President went aboard ye Defence. WILLIAM PROBY.

The President accepted of Cap' William Heaths kind Invitation and went aboard of him this morning, where he was generously entertained & at night return'd ashoare.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY

ELIHU YALE ESQ[®] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUE

M[®] JOHN LITTLETON M[®] THOM[®] WAVELL

M[®] M[®] WILL[®] FRASEE M[®] WILL[®] : CAWLEY

M[®] THOM[®] GRAY,

CAP[®] WILL[®] HEATH aboard.

P:1000 be pd Mr Cheney. Orderd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymaster to defray charges Garrison &cs.

Mr Cawlys Accts read. M^r William Cawley Storekeep^r his book of Acc^{**} for the month of Aprill was read and Past in Councill with some alterations.

Conimere Merchants petition perused. The Translate of the Comp^{as} Merchants Petition being done and deliverd was perused in Councill and upon due consideration thereof though we find a great part of it truth, as to the scarcity and dearness of goods troubles and wars in the countrey, want of cotten and workmen to their probable Loss on this contract, yet we haveing contracted with them in the Hon^{blo} Comp^{as} name under hand and Seale for the severall sorts and prizes, think it not reasonable to relax anything of that contract only as to the time which cannot be avoyded but referring their case to the R* Hon^{blo} Comp^{as} courtecy & to encourage them in their buisiness now the Warehousekeep' and assistants are orderd to be as favourable to them as they can justly be and not be too severe with them, nor give them any cause of Complaint, that they may not be hinder'd from bringing in the remainder of their Contract.

in debate
whether to
send ye
Resolution
immediately
or keep her
longer.

The Resolution being now near unladen twas proposed whether we should dispatch her immediately to the West Coast or delay her sometime longer in hopes of news from Europe, the Dutch confidently reporting y they have warr with us, w if true twill be an unavoydable danger to send her into our Enimies mouths for which reasons twas agreed to keep her yet sometime long however the Warehousekeep and Customer are still prest to hasten her unladeing.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON.

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Ship Defence being now free & noe Employment for he[r] at present, and there being a quantity of Firewood &ca lying ready at Conimere, we shall be much wanting of, if the Mogull should trouble us here, it being also very scarce & dear wth us now, Tis orderd yt she be dispatch't thither, to take in wt Bales, firewood, Timber, Chinam & Match there is in readiness.

Defence to goe to Coni

Richard Blackwall formerly Surgeons Mate of Ship Resolution, but marrying here to an English woman desires to serve the Rt Honble Compa at their garrison ship. of Conimere, where we have occasion for him, And Capt William Sharp being now supplied wth an able Surgeon from Capt Brangwin, he is orderd to discharge him from his Ship, and deliver him his concernes aboard also to pay to his order in England what wages is due to him.

discharg'd from the

THO: WAVELL. JNº CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Letter from Capt Walthrope at Armagon adviseing of the Avaldar's kind 25. assistance to him in the getting off the reddwood, and hopes to be ready to saile thence by Sunday next.

News from Porto Novo that they have private advice from the Dutch there is News of a certainly a warr with them weh they expect confirmation of, every day by their Dutch, Shipps from Batavia, till then they dare not further declare, but have cautioned our people there to provide for the worse.

No Consultation.

Rec^d a letter from Cap^t Thomas Walthrope at Armagon dated the 22th Instant, 27. adviseing that he had taken in, all the redd wood weighing 168: Ca: 121 lb:

Generall from Vizagapatam dated the 3d Instant wth their Dyaryes, and from Vizagad Consultations and Stewards Accts:

This evening arrived the Ship George from Persia wth a packett from the Agent &ca there adviseing the death of Agent Shaxton, and President Michell at Bombay, wth the surprizeing Europe news from Aleppo, as also of the Loss of one of the Rt Honble Compas Shipps, goeing thither wth a ladeing of Sugars.

THURSDAY

Genll &a JULY 1.

Ship George from Persia Agent dead. News from Europe. Ship Thom's set saile.

> WEDNES-DAY 3.

Ship Thoma sett saile this morning for the Port of Manilla.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL CAPT WILL HEATH MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR WILL" FRASER MR THOMAS GRAY.

letter from Persia "us'd.

The Letters &ca news Papers from Persia that arrived the other day upon a countrey Shipp, the George were Pused and considered of, and the Wine fruit &c* sent on her upon the Rt Honble Compas acct the Warehousekeeper is orderd to take orderd to ashoare.

Capt Waltrope delivering in his Accts of expences on the Success Friggot at Walthropes the West Coast and at Bengall which being duely examined by the Storekeep, Tis acct. 1000 P. be pd order'd that he doe discharge the same.

Orderd that Pag* 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymaster, to defray Garrison Charges, also Pag* 1000 to Mr William Cawley Storekeep to disburse on the Rt Honbie Compas Shipping &c*.

discharge Capt Mr Cheney 1000 to Mr [SED]

Debates on ye Dispo-

sall of the

Masters of Ships required

whether a

ship may attaine a

Voyage to China,

Defence &

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Being assured by the late News from Europe of a Peace with Holland, and advices from Goa acquainting us y' Bombay Castle was in a better Condition then formerly and that by their late success against the Siddy's forces they were forced to retire to the uttmost Parts of the Island, sending treatyes of Peace and accomodation which is believed will come to an Agreement, so that we. are not in that Danger, wee were before apprehensive of, and therefore offering noe better employment for the Defence then the sending her to China, also haveing much silver return'd from Bengall, which wee cannot dispose, It's agreed that the severall Commanders Masters, and Pylotts be consulted about the season of Voyageing to China, which if tis their opinion that tis attainable without a their opinion Probable danger or difficulty, that then the Defence doe proceed with all expedition

to China to lade Sugars Tutenague &ca for Persia.

Amongst the news Papers recd from Persia was sent us coppy of the Honble Governours &ca agreement with some Armenian Merchants in England about Inhabiting and tradeing at the Rt Honble Compas severall settlements of Bombay, Madrass &ca as also to freight upon their Shipps, according to the Conditions therein specifyed, which probably may be now of greater benefitt to the Rt Honble Compa then hereafter, by helping to lade the great Tonpage we are charg'd with and little Possabillity of procureing goods for half of it, in these Parts, The Goods therefore sent for Sen' Gregorio and some others of the cheifest of the Armenian Merch [ts] and acquainted them of the favourable agreement the Rt Honble Compa had made with their nation for their settlement and trade, and severall kind Priviledges under their Governments, which they seem'd greatly satisfyed and pleased with, desireing a translate thereof to communicate to their freinds at Bengall &ca and to invite them hither, which is accordingly orderd to be given, with all other due encouragements so great and advantagious a designe requires.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNo: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY

The Presidt Acct Cash read.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR THOMAS WAVELL CAPT WILLIAM HEATH MR JOHN CHENEY ME WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The President read his Acct Cash for yo mo of June the Ball: amounting to Pags 37423: 14:2.

The Commandr: coinions are yt The season is not too late for ye Defence to attaine her Voyage to China. their reason.

The Severall Commanders and Pylotts this day giveing in their opinions in writeing as enter'd next after this Consultation, yt the season was not too late for the Defence to attaine her Voyage to Canton or Maccaw, if she went by way of Manilla, of which they gave many Instances, and the Porteguez &ca Vessells yearly practice it, and there being noe hopes of Ladeing her suddainly with goods hence home, and also very doubtfull to find a ladeing of Pepper for her at the West Coast, haveing already sent four Shipps thither, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that she proceed on her former designd Voyage, to Canton and Maccaw, according to the Commanders and Pylotts directions and that the Warehousekeep' do lade

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on her, twelve Chests of Silver, and six hundred Piggs of Lead, also some suitable present y they may hasten and facilitate their buisiness, In China, and M Thomas Yale being now recoverd of his late sickness, and willing to goe the Voyage, haveing experience of ye Place and trade the last Voyage, Tis order'd that he goe Cheif, Mr John Heynes, Second, Mr Edmund Mountague third, with M' Watts and John Butterfeild Assistants, and that they jointly act according to Instructions in the management of that affair, and that M' Yale, M' Mountague and M' Watts returne hither from Mallacca on such conveyance as offers to give an acct of their buisiness and that Mr Heynes and John Butterfeild to proceed on the Defence to Persia, and that she be dispatch't with all expedition possible, and that the Captaine doe make up his Complement of men and take with him an able Portugueze Pylott, for the greater hast and Security of his Voyage and the Rt Honble Companyes Concernes.

Orderd that Pags 100 be paid Narso &ca Washers for cureing and washing the Rt Honble Compas Cloth.

> ELIHU YALE. THO: WAVELL. WILL: FRASER.

The Commanders and Pylotts opinions whether the Defence may attaine The Com-

Her Voyage to China or not, Vizt.

mandrs & Pylotts opinion.

Wee whose names are under written, by the desire of ye Honble President and Councill of Fort S' George, they being willing to send the Ship Defence for Maccaw or the ports adjacent, if there be a probability that she may gaine the Ports abovesaid, and doe in order thereto require our opinions which we give in as followeth.

That considering the Ships being firme & strong & well man'd wth Europeans we are of opinion yt in all probabillity (if she goes by the way of Manilla) keeping

that coast aboard till she makes Cape Buzziadore wehlyes No Lattitude in 18:30: where yow'le meet a fra[n]k wind and may undoubtedly gain the Ports abovesd.

Wittness our hands y' 3: of July 1689:

HENRY BURTON. AUGUSTINE HART. FRANO MENDES Pra ANTO WILLIAMS.

Commission & Instructions to Mr Thomas Yale Cheife &c Councill for the 5. management of the Rt Honble Compas Affaires on their Voyage to China and Persia, & Instract; on Shipp Defence, approved and Deliverd.

to Mr Tho : Yale &ca.

Deliverd, Capt William Heath, Command: of Ship Defence, His dispatch for 6. China, this Evening at four of the clock.

A Subscription deliverd the Honble President &c Councill, this evening at dispatch. six of the clock Vizt.

Subscription.

Deliverd

Whereas your Hon' &ca were pleased to send a Paper to us the subscribers &c* concerning a Voyage to Maccaw and Persia on Ship Defence, Pmitting every one to subscribe as thought convenient in case the Rt Honble Compa should not approve of sd Voyage for their Accts then to be for the subscribers Acct as therein at large specified which was (to the best of our remembrance) on or about the 15 Aprill last which being a good and seasonable time for Ships goeing to China induced us to subscribe as we did to said paper, but sd Shipps Voyage being afterwards putt off (for what reasons presume not to enquire) made void said subscriptions, wen added to the lateness of the year, makes us now declare our resolution of not adventureing as subscribed not being any wayes obliged to run the hazzard of so dangerous & unusuall a passage & understanding y Hon &c*

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were pleased sd subscription should be enterd in Consultation so we humbly desirethis (our dissent) may likewise be enterd.

> JOHN LITTLETON. JOHN POUNSETT. THOMAS GRAY. HENRY ALFORD. JOHN CHENEY. RICHD BROWN. SIMON HOLCOMB. CHARLES METCALF.

5th July 1689.

Fort St George,

Generall from Conimeere dated the 6th Instant adviseing of the continued troubles in those parts, dayly robbing and plundering the adjacent townes, that ye Merchants will not be \$\mathbb{H}\$ swaded to adventure anything up the Countrey for ye provision of goods, and cannot possibly force them to a complyance least they should leave the place.

Ship Defence, Capt Willm Heath Commandr set saile this morning for China.

Defence set Saile.

Lett': & advice from

Conimere.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 11.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVENOUR MR THOMAS WAVELL MR JOHN LITTLETON MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER Мв MR WILLIAM CAWLEY

The whole Councill being duly Summond.

MR THOMAS GRAY Sick.

P: 1500 be pd Mr. Cheney Mr. Cawleys Acct. read.

Orderd that Page 1500 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison Charges.

Mr William Cawley Storekeep' his Acc's for the month of May were read and past.

The Dya-mond & Maddapoll be sent to Conimere.

Haveing long waited for orders from England or Bombay, for the employing their hon's Bengall Shipping but none yet arriveing, and there being noe other buisness for them, Tis orderd that in the room of the Defence, the Dyamond friggot and Ship Maddapollam be dispatcht for Conimere to bring away the goods Wood &ca of the Rt Honble Compa there in readiness for Stores for the Garrison, that being allwayes the most wanting in our troubles, and the Ketch Samuel to be sent to be repaired at Porto Novo.

Snecess to proceed to Persia.

Orderd that the Success ffriggot, Capt Thoms Waltrope Commandr be fitted to proceed on a Voyage to Persia as soon as the season will Permitt with what Sugars Tutenague and Tynn of the Hon^{ble} Comp^a by us, noe good marketts offering here for their sale and to compleat her Ladeing upon freit and yt some of our other small Vessells be sent with wt Topass Soldiers Stores Provisions & necessaryes can be spared to Bombay as soon as possible, except some orders from England or thence divert it, the the Generall has yet requir'd none from us, but severall news reporting them, being und some necessity, wee conclude such a supply may be acceptable.

Mint proceedings.

There being by long usage & Custome of ys Mint of near fourty years standing 3 P Cent or 5 fanams In the 100 Pags difference in weight betwixt Madrass & Pollicat Pagodas for which the long ill Custome even of this place, notwinstanding our severall prohibitions do make 2 P Cent difference in exchange & from y to 5 P Ct up the Countrey & so yt to the great diminition of our Mint Custo: wen upon many reasonable considerations as well to encourage & promote yo Mint buisness as to putt a due vallue on our Coyne 'tis conclude [d] very necessary that our Pags be made equall in weight as they are in fineness to theirs as they were 50 years past,

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& vt the alteration & charges be made & allowd by the Bramenees & Mintre tho they seem at \$\P\$ Cent very averse to it, but rather yn faile in a matter of so great consequence to change both coyne and Mintrs.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº : CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

This day received advice that the Dutch's late Embassy from Pollicatt to the 12. Mogull, by their Vice Commissary The Heer Johannes Backheries had mett with bassy & badd success, their rich present by him to the Mogull was Taken from them by ye Savagees forces.

present to ye Moguli robd by the Savagees. 19.

Generall from Conimere dated the 17th Instant adviseing of their withdrawing the Rt Honble Compas Factory att Porto Novo, since the Merchants there will not be # swaded to contract for a new Investment, or conclude the old one, by reason of the continued troubles in those parts.

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ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNE $M^{\scriptscriptstyle B}$ Thom⁸: Wavell Mª JOHN LITTLETON M^B JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY

MUNDAY 22.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeep' his book of Accts for the months of May Mr Wavells and June was read and past in Councill.

Mr Thomas Gray his book of Accts of the Land Customes for the month of June was read and Past Vizt.

Land Customes		 	 	 Pags	20: 14: 67
Weighers duty		 	 	 ,,	0: 3:30
Chowltry Custome	8	 	 	 ,,	97:33:33
Measurers duty		 	 	 ,,	29:14:53
Banksall Toll				 ,,	-: 16: 52
				"	

Charges Deducted

P: 148: 10: 35 4:27:25

Pag*: 143: 19: 10

The Saphyr friggot being arrived from Porto Novo and Conimere with the R* Saphir to be Hon Be Compas goods &c* the Warehousekeep' is orderd to unlade them excepting the Tutenague, which is to be traverst aboard the Success friggot for Persia it bearing a good price there and after the unladeing of her, the Storekeeper and her leaks to Commander are ordered to procure able Carpenters to stopp her Leak in this road if be stopt. possible to fitt & send her to Bombay with what men stores and provisions we can possibly spare as before agreed upon.

Our Factory being withdrawn from Porto Novo It is orderd that three peons Peons to only be left to look after it and keep it in repair.

look after Porto Novo

Received lately advice from our Bramenee & Peons at Metchlepatam and factory. Maddapollam yt the Rt Honble Compat Factorys are much out of repair, and they are six months behind hand of their wages, amounting to 54 Page to each place,

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P 100 be sent to Metchlev: & Madapolli for repair of ye factory &ca.

Tis therefore agreed & order'd that 100 Pag's be sent to each ffactory to defray their charges of reparation and wages.

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WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Mr Tho: Wavell paid in Pags 12500 on Acct Silver &ca Goods sold by Him. Mr Thomas Gray paid in Pags 140 on Acct of the Land Customes, recd last month.

Advice from Conimere.

Mr William Fraser pd in Pags 457 on Acct Sea Customes recd ys month. Generall from Conimere dated the 19th Instant, adviseing that Gopull Punditt had (the day after their withdrawing Porto Novo ffactory) sent possitive orders

to detaine them there. 30.

Another from thence of the 25: Instant, adviseing that Francis Bett, at Porto Novo had laid Violent hand on himself in dismembring & cutting his own throat, but for what reasons they know not.

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This day recd another from thence, adviseing they have endeavour'd to bring their tedious Contract to a Conclusion but find no probability of effecting it, The Merchants haveing given over provideing any more goods, declareing they are broke and have no ready money to carry on their buisiness, so yt they will use means to secure their debt to the Rt Honble Compa also adviseing that Harja Raja wth his party have revolted, & gone over to the Mogulls Army, and have given the Nabob, 30000 Page as a Gratuity, but are not assured of its certainty.

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MUNDAY 5.

ELIHU YALE ESQ" PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR MR THOMAS WAVELL Mª JOHN LITTLETON MR WILLM FRASER MB MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY

The Councill being duely Summond.

The Presidents Acct Cash read. Mr Fraser Accts read.

The President read his Acct of Cash for the month of July wen was past in Councill and the ballance examined amounting to ... Pags 53370: 14: 2. Mr William Fraser, his book of Accts of the Sea Customes for the month of Aprill, May and June was read and Past.

Mr Cawleys Aocts read.

Mr William Cawley Storekeepr his book of Accts of Stores bought sold and expended on the R' Honble Compas Shipping, the last month was read and past.

Cap' Thomas Lacy late Command' of the Saphir Friggot, desireing to have

Capt Thomas Laov's request granted.

the Liberty of goeing a Voyage to Pegue, and still to be continued in the Rt Honble Compas service, In consideration yt we have many Supernumeraryes with us, y' want employment, Wee doe allow thereof, conditionally that he is not to receive any sallary or allowance from the Honble Compa:, dureing his abscence, and his Saphir now wanting a Command, Capt: Wm Tuer is orderd to take charge of her, and have the same pay and allowances as the former had, he being well recommended to us by the Generall at Bombay for his good service in their troubles, and that Captaine Howell doe command the Ketch Samuel in his stead upon her returne from Conimere.

The Warehousekeeper is orderd to deliver out four [sic] Candy of Lead to the 5. Ca Lead to Plummer to make Cisternes for the use of the gaurds and Garrison, as also to provide against a seige, the Fort water not being drinkable.

be delivered to make Cisterna for ye fort.

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Orderd that Pag* 1000 be paid M John Cheney Paymaster to defray the Parison charges. Garrison charges.

Orderd that the orphans money (of Jnº Poyse deceas't) in Capt Thos Gray's hands be deliverd into the Custody of the french Padryes, to be managed for the good of the Children, and to give obligation, to be accountable for the same to

to bring up

The Accomptant is minded to bring up ye Gen11 books of Acces which are much The Accompbehind hand, who promises to do for next Shipp.

There being three fugitive Soldiers that lately ran away with their Armes, Some fugitive intending to serve the Moores in the Mogulls Camp, were by our Peons, sent in Soldiers being caught. persuit of them, apprehended some dayes Journey on their way, and secured by the Polligars in those parts, who would not deliver them, but upon Condit [ion] of a Pardon for their lives, which upon necessity being consented to, they were returned to us and now under confinement, but these trouble some times requireing more severity then formerly, and tho we spare their lives, yet tis held absolutely necessary to make them otherwise exemplary, to deterr others from the like A Coarl view This therefore orderd that a Coart Martiall be held by the President tiall ornered &ca in the fort hall on Wednesday next for their tryall. The Worspⁿ Mayor and Aldermen are appointed to hold a Generall sessions

for ye tr, all

for the enquiry & regulateing of misdeameanors.

The Dyamond friggott being returned from Conimere wth the Rt Honble Compas Bales and wood, the Warehousekeep is orderd to unlade them with all expedition.

The troubles encreasing to the southward we are advised, the Conimere Merchants also make great delayes in their buisiness & desire to be excused further proceeding on their Contract, which is supposed to procee[d] from their avarice or dislike of their provision of cours[e] goods, Tis therefore orderd that they do use all possible means to continue them to their contract, otherwise to confine and force them to it, if there is any possability of their complying with it.

Orderd that a Vestre be called on Wednesday next at four in the Evening for the examination & settling the Church stock and Affaires.

The Worsp¹ Mayor and Aldermen deliverd in a paper to the Councill, requesting that the Toll & other petty dutyes, may be appropriated to the use & service of the Corporation, as is accustomary in all other Cittyes in England &ca to support their charge, weh paper was \Pused and left to the Councilis Considerations and resolve, till next Consultation day, The Mayor &ca engageing to employ it soly for the good and conveniency of the Citty.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº : CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

TO THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE.

PRESIDENT". & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA COUNCILL.

Whereas, the R^t: Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^a haveing been pleased by The Mayor & their Charter under their larger seale bearing date the 30th of December 1687: in All dermens requester. the third year of our Sovereigne Lord James the 2d, King of great Brittaine &ca to the Petry make this their Citty a Corporation, by constituteing and erecting a Coart, consisting of Mayor, Aldermen &co, not only for the ease of the Honble President &co as also for hearing & redressing all complaints and grivances of the Inhabitants, according to equity, good consciences as well as the lawes of the English Nation & the rules formerly established here, with what

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more convenient or may be thought good hereafter to be made, and because the Corporation have not as yet any stock or found able to defray the necessary charges and expence of such officers and Servants as must unavoydably be imployed for the publick good of the place, & seeing the circumstances of the times are so that we cannot impose yet any taxes upon the Inhabitants, either to support the corporation by building a Town Hall, Schools common Shoars &c* for ornament & healthfullness of the place.

The Mayor & Aldermen &c" do humbly request the Honble President and Councill, would please to grant and assigne over to the Corporation, the Petty dutyes of Banksall Toll, measureing of graine, and weighing of goods, as is usuall in all Corporations in England whereby this Corporation may be the better enabled, not only to begin, but make some progress in regulateing and paveing the streets and lanes in town, till by degrees we may be more capable to doe whatever may conduce most for the good of the place, besides the good example it will be to encourage ye Inhabitants in chearfull Payment of all such easy and moderate Taxes as the Corporation shall see meet to impose upon them, all which is humbly submitted to your Honra &ca Councills considerations.

Generall to y° Cheif and Councill at Conimere ordering them to continue their advices of the news and transaction[s] of those parts betwirt the Mogulls and Morattaes: forces, and as much as possible keep freindship wth both but most with the savageans, since we shall have the greatest occasion of them, hopeing they will continue to defend their Countrey against the Mores, as well to divert them from

us here as to secure our settlements in those parts.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 12. ELIHU YALE ESQ* PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M* JOHN LITTLETON M* THOMS WAVELL
M* JOHN CHENEY M* WILL* FRASER
M* WILL* CAWLEY M* THOMAS GRAY

Mayor & Aldermen request Pused & debated.

The Councill haveing duely considerd upon the Mayor and Aldermen's request the last Consultation day, for the appropriating the Tolls and other petty dutyes to the Corporation, for the defraying their necessary charges in keeping the streets clean and others requisite for the good and benefitt of y° place and the Honbie Compa haveing already orderd soe many revenues by Custome, Taxes, Quittrents &c° the Mayor &c° doe declare they cannot (at present) reasonably contrive any other imposition to mantaine their charge, the trade and times being soe dull and bad, Tis therefore thought necessary and reasonable, that the Paddy Toll, Measureing and weighers duty, and Brokerige be from the begining of this month soly assign'd and appropriated to the Corporation of this Citty of Maddrass and to be collected by the Mayor and Aldermen or whom they shall appoint or imploy there, & in consideration thereof that the Honbie Compa be at no charge of officers servants gaurds, Watches, formalityes Prisons &c° and tis ordered that the present small revenues and such others they shall raise be employ'd on Common Shoars, Walls, and watches for the Citty, and such other conveniencyes as are necessary for the good, healthyness and benefitt of the place.

Mr Thomas Makreeth giveing in his Petition to make a Voyage to Pegue,

promiseing his best Services for the Compa in procureing priviledges from the

King &ca and that he would be at the charge of repairing the factory there, and

maintaine such a post as may be to the honour of the R' Honble Compa upon which tearms tis thought fitt and reasonable to grant his request, but that his Sallary and

Paddy Toll measurers duty &ca ordered to be assigned & appropriated to ye Corporation.

Mr. Makreet petition to make a voyage.

Granted.

all other allowances doe cease till his returne hither againe.

Orderd that Pag* 1000 be paid Mr. John Cheney Paymaster to defray charges
Garrison.

P: 1000 be pd Mr. Cheney.

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Mr John Cheney Paymast" his book of Accts for the months of May & June Mr. Chen[e]y's was read and past. Acctt read

For the month of May.

Charges Garrison					Pags	$1405:03:\frac{3}{14}$
Charges Generall					,,	410:05:1
Charges Merchandize					"	136: 10: 3
Acct Fortifications Re					"	82:06:1
Charges Cattle	•				"	16:02:1
Charges Dyett						300:03:
Charges Extraordinary					"	153: 24: 3
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House moveables			••	•••	"	
Acct Presents	•••	• • •	••	•••	21	40: -: -
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Bengall Expedition					,,	2:28:-
Coyning of Gold	***		••		,,	14:15:-
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Charges Cattle					,,	14: 04: 13
Charges Dyett		•••		•••	"	$\begin{array}{c} 80: 14: \frac{1}{16} \\ 14: 04: \frac{3}{4} \\ 301: 07: \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$
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Charges Extraordinary

West Coast ...

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> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY. WILLM FRASER. WILLM CAWLEY.

78:12:--

60:24: -148: 27: --

THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

Recd this day a letter from Allewordee Beague Govern of Conjevoram, who very kindly returning the two fugitive soldiers that lately ran away from this Letter from Garrison wth the horses &ca they carry'd along with them.

ye Govr of Conjevoram.

Generall from Conimere, dated the 12th Instant, adviseing that the report of Harja Raja's going over to the Mogulls party proves to be false and beleives he 15. would not be guilty of so bad an Act, but rather gathers strength for its better Commerc. defence, and the Moors are not over forward to come against him.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNE M^R THOMAS WAVELL M^R WILLIAM FRASER M^R JOHN LITTLETON Mª JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

MUNDAY 19.

Generall Letter to the Rt Honble Compa was read approved and orderd to be Rt Honble sent on the Success friggot to Persia and thence to be forwarded overland. Compa read.

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Mr. Grays Accts read. Mr Thomas Gray land Customer his books of Acc of for the month of July were read and past Viz.

Land Customes		 	,		Pags 18:01:72
Weighers Duty	 	 			,, 08:81
Measurers Duty	 	 			,, 107;09;35
Banksoll Toll	 	 			,, 43:15:03
Ruby Brokers	 	 		•••	,, 15:00:00

P: ... 185:17:85 Charges deducted ... 4:14:50

181:03:35

Allewordee
Beague returning ye
fugitives with
ye horses
Orde: d yt 6½
yds scarlet
be presented
him.
Letter to ye
sd Alleworde.

Alleewordee Beague Governour of Conjevoram haveing very kindly return'd our fugitive men and stolen horses &ca weh was more then we could expect from such people, being never before practiced by them for which favour. Tis thought fit and ordered that a small Present of $6\frac{1}{2}$ yas of Scarlett with some small rarityes be sent him to oblige him to continue his kindness, and freindship on the like occasion, y'also a small present be given him that brought y's men.

A Letter to the said Alleworde Beague Governour of Conjevorom in answer to his kind civillityes in returning the fugitives, as also excuseing the paym of this

towns rent money till we had recd the nabobs orders for it.

The fugitives be tryd by Common Law.

Orderd that the two fugitives be tryed by common Law at our Coart of Judicature by reason one of them was dismist from the duty of his Armes to take charge of the horses and stable, besides their severall thefts requiring it.

Capt Herons request granted.

Cap' Heron Command' of the Dyamond friggot being design'd on a Voyage to Pegue, requests y' laying down his employ in the R' Honble Comp's Service, we is accordingly granted him, and orderd that Cap' Howell do take charge of said friggot & Cap' Hussey of the Samuel Ketch.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

22 The Duch Govr of Pollicat saild ys morning.

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WILLIAM PROBY.

The Heer Laurence Pitt Governour of Pollicatt sailed by this morning wth four other Shipps and vessells, did kindly salute the fort, with all excuseing to the President his not comeing ashoar to pay him a Vissitt, his earnest buisness calling him to Pollicatt to dispatch a Ship to Batavia & another to this Coast and Bay.

Pass given to Ship Sta Rosa, whereof Senhr Augustine Hart is Mastr bound

for Pegue.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Thursday

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^A

M^a THOM^a WAVELL

M^a VILL^a FRASER

M^a WILL^a CAWLEY

M^a WILL^a Gray.

Wee haveing sometime delayd & disputed with y' Severall Gover[n]meuts concerning the Payment of the last years rent money due in June last, except y' according to our Phyrmaund from the late King of Golcandah, they would first procure the Nabobs Phyrwanna or order to whom we should pay it, which being

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now sent us by the Avaldar of Pollicat who has the charge of all the Sea Ports on 1200 Pa: be this Coast under the Mogulls Government, Tis orderd that the 1200 Pags be dar of Polliaccordingly paid takeing his rect for the same.

M' William Fraser Sea Customer his book of Accts for the month of July was Mr. Frasers

read and past in Councill.

Accts

The Persons we sent to survey the Dyamond friggot report that she is much out of repair and in a very leaky Condition, whereupon we had thoughts of sending her to Vizagapatam to fitt there, but late advices thence tells us, that Planks and other materialls are so scarce and dear there, that they cannot gett sufficient to repair those Shipps already sent them, and there being noe other convenient place left us for that service on this Coast, Tis agreed and orderd that she be dispatch't for Pegue with what can be procured on freight and that we send something on the Rt Honble Compa Acct for the charge of her repair, and lade her back with salt provisions, Sticklack, Timbers, Mortivans, Graine &c Commodityes proper for the supply of y Garrison for which to send 1000 Pag in Silver, broad cloth fine, and Ordinary Perpetuances, one Chest Rose water, &c": and to be consigned to the Master and one writer we shall send upon her, and to be recomended to the care and assistance of Mr Thom's Makrith and Cap' Thomas Lacy who also are designed thither upon their own Acc's and the reason of our sending for Provisions is, their being so very scarce and dear here as also for store for this garrison against a seige, but if noe occasion that way then to dispose it to the Shipping or send it to Bombay.

The Conimere Cloth being examined by the President and Warehousekeep find it very badd Tis orderd that the Cheif &ca there be advised thereof and that

the Merchants to make Satisfaction for the same.

The troubles see encreasing in the Conimeer Country that the Merchants can bring in noe goods to conclude their contract, and are also very apprehensive of great danger of themselves, and factory Tis therefore orderd that Sloops Samuel & Beaufort be dispatch't and continued at Conimere for Security of the R^t Hon^{ble} Compas concernes and them.

The Bookkeeper was againe reminded to bring up the Generall Books of Accts: which are much behind hand, and ye paymaster to repair the Garrison where there is occasion, and bringing in ye bricks which there has bin money long given

out for.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNE MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL MB MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR

The Councill being duely Summond.

Mr Tho: Wavell his book of Accts for the month of July was read & past & Mr. Wavells in 10000 Past for Silver & goods gold by him last month paid in 10000 Pags for Silver & goods sold by him last month.

Letter to Conimere read & Approved, reprehending them for their bad sortment of their Goods, ordering yt they make an Abatem on ym last sent us, other prehending wise to returne y m upon their Merch's hands as also to rectifie that great errour for the future. for the future.

MUNDAY 26.

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---FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1689-

Letter to_ Raja Devora of Tutecurry.

The President's letter to Raja Devora of Tutecaree was read and approved, desireing his intercession wth the new king of Candy for the releasm of severall English Captives, that were unhappily cast away on Zealoan as also proposalls for a trade & settlement in his Dominions, there being great quantitys of pepper procureable there.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

2 fugitives executed. The two fugitive Soldiers named George Isaac and Charles Cross were according to sentence executed, the one on the Gibbet before the Stable dore and the other shott to death at the execution Post before the fort Gate.

Deliverd Capt Thomas Walthrope Commander of the Success friggot his

dispatch in order to his Sailing for Persia

Passes given to Shipps James and Rebecca, whereof Capt Henry Burton and Capt Jn° Hampton are Commanders, the one being bound for Pegue ye other for Persia.

ATT A CONSULTATION

SEPTEM-BER.

MUNDAY 2.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ* PRESIDENT & GOVERN*
M* JOHN LITTLETON M* THOM*: WAVELL
M* JOHN CHENEY M* WILL*: FRASER
M* WILL*: CAWLEY M* THOM*: GRAY.

Mr Cheneys Accts read.

The Presidents Acct
Cash read.
Mr Cawleys
Accts read.

Mr John Chency Paymaster his book of Accts for the month of July was read and past.

The Presidents Acct of the Rt Honble Compas Cash was read and past, the

ballance examined amounting to Page 66-35: 14: 2.

M' William Cawley storekeeper his Acct of stores bought and sold, and paying off seamens wages and Shipps charges for the month of August were read and

Resolution to sail to Bencolen.

Haveing detained the Resolution as long as possibly wee could, in expectation of news from Europe and the season now growing late and dangerous to keep her longer on this Coast till the monsoon, also being too late to expect a shipp from Europe or Bombay, Tis therefore agreed & orderd, that Cap' W^m Sharp do gett his Ship in readiness to sail for Bencoolen with all expedition, to be laden there for England wth pepper, w^{ch} we beleive may be ready for her, but in case there should not be sufficient for her, nor any probability of Procureing pepper to dispatch her timely home, y^t yⁿ they be order'd immediately to returne her hither, to be dispatch't home in January.

Francis Bett haveing by distemper & distraction lately wounded himself at Porto Novo factory, where for want of a Surgeon, they were necessitated to call y Dutch Surgeon to his releif & cure, we'h being chargeable to him, he requests y' as being y' Comp' Serv's, it may be allow'd by the R' Honbie Comp' we'h being consider'd of & y' twas his own rash act, Tis orderd y' he bear the half charge

thereof, and that the Cheif doe allow the other half.

Orderd yt a Coart Martiall be held tomorrow at the fort hall for the tryall of the Soldiers Confiderates with the late executed Criminalls.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO CHENEY.

WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

-FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1689-

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According to an order of Councill, a Coart Martiall was this day held at the 3. Fort Hall for the examination of five English Soldiers, that were confiderates to the late executed Criminalls and sentence past, that three of them be transported to the West Coast, and the other two to runne the Gantlett.

A Dutch Shipp passing by this morning, The President sent aboard to enquire 4. of newes, and was enformed that Ship Royall James, was through a desperate at Batavia leak, and want of men, forc't to Batavia and there disposed at publick Sale, but disposed. that her Ladeing of Pepper and Stores were Secured in Warehouses.

Pass given to Ship George, whereof Capt Thomas Lacy is Commander, bound

for Pegue.

This morning shipp George sett saile for Pegue. Ship James Capt Henry Burton Commander sett saile, for Pegue.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNE MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL M^R MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY The Councill being duly Summond.

MUNDAY 9.

Haveing late news by a dutch ship from Batavia & the Governour also advised by a letter thereof, that Ship Royall James was putt in at Batavia and unloaden and sold, being too leaky to proceed on her Voyage or repaired, and this day the Surgeon of said Shipp John Plummer with severall others, who came Passengers upon the Dutch ship, acquainted us that the ship was so much out of repair, and they haveing neither money nor conveniency to supply her defects, were necessitated to sell her, and the boatswain & Carpenter deliver in their reasons for so doeing, as also an acct of her sale, This accidentall news, ruts us also Resolution upon consideration of sending the Resolution thither to take in ye said Pepper, and to see to sail directly thence for England, only by the way to touch at Bencolen wth our people and advices and to prevent any other ship's goeing to Batavia for said repper, and in case the Generall & Councill deny it them, then to protest against them in the R' Honbie Compas name, for all damages that shall acrew to them thereon, and saile thence for Bencolen to take in a ladeing there, but our resolutions therein are deferr'd, till wee receive the Governour &ca answer to our late letters sent them, after to dispatch her with all expedition to prevent the danger of the Monsoon.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER. WM : CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

This day recd a letter from the Governour and Councill of Pollicatt, in answer 10. to the Presidents & Councill, relateing the buisness of Ship Royall James at Letter from Batavia.

ye Governr of Policatt.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

Wednesday 11. ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUB M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R
M^R W^R FRASER
M^R W^R CAWLEY. M^R THOM' GRAY.
The Councill being duely Summmond.

A letter from The Governour of Pollicatt Pused & debated.

Haveing last night recd answer from the Govern' &ca of Pollicatt to the President &c"s letter, where they referr us, for information to a transcrip't Paper signed only by the Secretary of Pollicatt, where they recite the Petition and Condition of the Royall James and her men at Bantam and Batavia, and their pretended assistances to them at least in giveing them licence for the sale of the Shipp, and houseing the pepper upon ye adjacent Island on [t]rust, and 'tis also pretended, that the said Pepper was imbargued by the King of Bauta for debts, Customes due to him from the Rt Honble Company, and therefore that they should not deliver it without orders from the dutch Company, but these being unreasonable and unjust Pretences, we cannot think ourselves, confirmed by y but that tis our indispensible dutyes to send a ship and demand the Pepper for the R Honble Compa Acct and therefore notwithstanding the Resolution Capt William Sharp Commander was formerly orderd to proceed to the West Coast to lade thence for England, Tis now agreed & orderd that the said ship be dispatch't hence directly for Batavia with the Presidents &ca letter to the Generall &ca to demand and recover the pepper, we if denyed to be deliver'd, that then the Captaine do resolutely and authentickly deliver our Protest, to the Generall & of Batavia, after which to saile for York fort at Bencolen and take in his Ladeing for England, but if there be not Sufficient pepper for him there then to returne hither to compleat her Cargoe.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER.

WM: CAWLEY.

Tho: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Advice from

Thursday 13 Letter from Conimere dated the 5th Instant, adviseing they had sent their dubash to hasten the Pullicherry Merchants in ye makeing their proposalls for an Investment, to be remitted us for our quasall which could not be effected by reason of some difference ariseing amongst them, we they are resolved to have it decided at the Durbarr, wherein it will take up so much time (as they fear) will disappoint them of an Investment for the Jan Shipping, they also greatly complaine of the slowness of their Merchant in the finishing their Contract notwithstanding their dayly pressing them to it.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

The Councill being duely Summond.

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--- FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1689---

Agent Charnock delivering an appeal to the President and Councill upon the Agents Judgement given by the Mayor and Aldermen against him on an action by Mr Charnocks appeal. James Wattson about a parcell of Arrack bought of him for the R' Honbie: Compas Acct; which upon further examination, doe find that the Coart had not received due informations therein, Tis therefore agreed & orderd that Mr Wattson be paid Mr Watson for the said parcell of Bengall Arrack bought by the Agent &ca for the Rt Honble Compas Acct as orderd in Consultation of the 9th July at the rate of 34 rupees # Pago: as others receive upon that and the like Acct.

Orderd that the Warehousekeeper do lade aboard the Resolution all the Abasses, Persia money and two Chests of silver Ingotts as also 10000 Silver

fanams

Letter to the Generall and Councill of Batavia as also a Protest to be deliverd Genl to ye them in case they deny the delivery of the Royall James pepper left there. Council

of Batavia M' Thomas Gray Land Customer his books of Accompts for the month of July approvd. Mr Grays were read and past and paid in 240 Pags on Acctt of the land Customes. Vizt. Accts read.

Land Customes ... Pag* 49: 29: 60 Weighers duty -: 2:95... ,, Chowltry Customes ... 185:03: 4 Ruby brokers 14:19:50

249:19: 9 Charges deducted as \$\P\$ Acc* 1:17:25

Pag* 248:01:

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL.

WILL: FRASER. Wx; CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

The President wrote a letter to [lacuna in the original] Governour of Metchlepatam, acquainting him that he had lately (to his great surprize and admiration) received the bad news of his seiziere the Rt Honble Compas factory with all their goods and other concernes therein desireing to be satisfyed with the reasons thereof, and that he would deliver up our factory with the Goods &ca to the Dubash and Bramenee, otherwise he will look upon it as a warr or robbery and right the Honble Compa therein.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER. MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS: GRAY.

SATURDAY 14.

Whereas we had orderd Capt Will Sharp Comer of the Resolution to saile directly for Batavia to take in the Royall James Cargo of pepper &c3 there which if refused to be delivered him, then to proceed to Bencolen to be laden with pepper from thence or otherwise to touch there at her return from Batavia for the delivery of our treasure people & letters, but being since advised by severall Pylots that it will be a difficulty and Loss of time to go thither from Batavia at the bracelent that Season to prevent which, 'Tis order'd that she saile directly hence for the then to

proceed to Batavia.

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her Instruc-

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Bencoolen which is little out of her way, & there to deliver the treasure &ca and to proceed thence to Batavia within Ten dayes after her arrivall without delay, shewing Mr. Bloom our orders & takeing his &cas advice about the buisness, as also wt other orders the Compt might have sent thither & know what quantity of Pepper they have in readiness by them and that if they should be denyed the Pepper at Batavia, then to returne to Bencolen to take in her ladeing for England but if no Pepper procureable at Bencolen neither, then the Resolution, Is orderd to returne hither through the Streights of Mallacca to be laden hence for England, notwithstanding the expiration of her Charterparty, which we doubt not in such unforeseen Immergencyes the Hone Compt will approve & allow of.

ELIHU YALK.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry

17.
Deliverd
Capt Sharp
his dispatch
for Bencolen.

Deliverd Cap' W^m Sharp Command of Ship Resolution his dispatch and Instructions for his sailing to and negotiation at Bencolen and Batavia.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDY

Present

TUESDAY 17. ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R
M^R JOHN CHEREY M^R WILL^M: FRASEE
M^R WILL^M: CAWLEY M^R THON^S: GRAY.
The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

Capt Sharp's Protest Pusd and debated.

Whereas Capt Wm Sharp delivering his Protest to the Councill for ordering him to Batavia &ca & not sending his Ship hence with half a ladeing for England, alledgeing that most of the Councill were against it, being of opinion that the Royall James Cargo of Pepper at Batavia, would not be deliverd him and that the ships proceeding thither was unnecessary and would be to little or noe purpose which contradicting our former joint resolves on this matter, twas againe proposed by the President to the Councill whether or noe, they though [t] the sending Ship Resolution to Batavia to demand and receive the said pepper was necessary or not, when twas again unanimously agreed by all present to send her thither, as well for the Compas Interest as the discharge of our dutyes, Capt Sharp was therefore required to declare who of ye Councill twas, that told him this falcity being a matter of ill consequence and great reflection upon our Councill and a breach of their dutyes, whereupon Cap' Sharp voluntarily made oath that it was Mr Thomas Wavell, tho he knew little of yo buisness not comeing to any of our Consultations, concerning it, nor but seldome to any other buisness, little regaurding either summons or message or any other authority of Government, deporting himself very disrespectfully & refractory to the President both in words and Actions, weh upon this new occasion the Governour cannot but take notice of.

LIHU YALE.

The last part of this Consultation am Ignor- } John Littleton. ant off.

When this past I was at y° Mount & there- } JN°: CHENEY.

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I except against the Latter part of this Consultation & know nothing of his neglect of duty or disrespect to the Gover being very dilligent in the Comp** affairs both in sorting & the Vast quantities of Europe goods he has sold & brought to acct.

(As to M' Wavells dilligence in his Station) in minding or Rt honble Mars affaiers I leave yt to yo honoble Presidt to Inquier into W.C.— WM: CAWLEY I being Junior to Mr Wavell .-

The latter \$\psi\$ of this Consultation is malice & \ Tho: Gray. falcehood.

WM PROBY Secry.

Coppy of the Protest deliverd to the President and Councill by Capt Coppy of William Sharp Command of Ship Resolution dated the 16th of Sep- Capt Sharp's tember 1689.

Whereas the Ship Resolution was by a Charterparty bearing date the 2^d of March 168_1^e lett out by S^r Josiah Child Joseph Herne & W^m Sharp Commander of the said ship, in the behalf of the rest of the Owners to serve the Rt Honble East India Company in trade and Warrfaire in a Voyage to the East Indies, and to remaine in their service twenty four months after the 20th Jany 1687 and to saile directly for England whether laden or empty, as by said Charterparty doth more plainly appear, and in pursuance of which agreement, the said ship did according to the said R. Honble Compas orders sail out of the downes the 25th Aprill 1687: and arrived in Madrass road the 15th October following and hath ever since followed all such orders as have received from the Honble President Agent or Cheif, and haveing now received a dispatch to saile from hence to Bencolen, and Batavia to take in the Royall Jame's Cargo and in case of its not being delivered to returne to Bencolen or Madrass againe, which Voyage cannot be Pformed, according to the opinion of the most experienced Pylots, within the time limitted in Charterparty, the Ship Mary being five months on her Passage the last year from thence thither, and it [is] also the opinion of severall of the Councill, that the said Cargo will not be deliverd by the dutch, till they have orders for the same from Europe, they grounding their opinions upon the dutch advices and also on the information given by severall of the Royall Jame's men lately arrived here, and haveing severall times demanded a laden of Bales and also petitiond for Salt Peter to carry it home at 11 £ p Tonn which not being complyed with & I being obliged by Charterparty to proceed for England, after expiration of the time aforementiond, whether laden or not first haveing made legall demands, thirty dayes before, in Consideration of this and the fatall consequences of the Royall James by her longer then ordinary staying in these parts and the news of the Nathaniels being put into the Cape in great distress give me just reason not to stay any longer in ys Countrey then the time limitted by Charterparty aforesaid, and there being noe Cheif at Batavia and probably I may be at Sea not laden when the said time is Capt Sharp's expired, do therefore in ye behalf of the owners of the said ship Resolution protest Protest against the Honbie Elihu Yale President, and Councill for want of Laden and I do actually declare and protest against the Honbie Elihu Yale &c* Councill and Governour & Company of Merchants of London tradeing to the East Indies Jointly and Severally and do lay to their charge all such damages that may acrew and Losses that may be sustained to the said owners for want of Laden and by goeing home empty at the experation of our Limitted time.

[18TH]

Advice from Conimere.

---FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1689-

Generall from Conimere dated the 14th Instant adviseing that they have been pressing their Merchauts to change the bad goods they have formerly been forced to receive which they possitively deny to doe but they will try their uttmost to bring them to a complyance therein.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAY

Present

WEDNES-DAY 18.

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR M R M^R MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS: GRAY.

The whole councill being duely summond.

Letter to Bombay approv'd. P: 1000 be

pd Mr Cheney.

Dorothy arrived from

Bencolen.

redwood.

to be dispatch'd

ladeing with

for Engld.

Secry orderd to receive ye ball: of the Cuddalore

books.

Dorothy to be surveyd. quinterledgd wth

Letter to the Generall &ca Councill of Bombay read and past and orderd to be sent by a Countrey Shipp bound thither, as also Duplicate of the Generall & advices to the Rt Honble Compa P Shipp Resolution.

Orderd that Pags 1000: -: - be paid Mr John Cheney Paymaster to defray

the garrison charges.

The Dorothy friggot being arrived this day from Bencolen without Pepper or any other Ladeing, and haveing formerly resolved to dispatch her immediately for England, the Storekeeper is orderd to send some able Pylotts and Carpenters aboard to survey her whether she is Capable to performe that Voyage, and if she is found to be so, that then the lead be first taken asboar, and she be quintel-ledg'd with a due proportion of redwood and saltpeter, and her ladeing to be Compleat her compleated with Long cloth &c* Course goods excepting any persons are willing to lade home China or Bengall goods upon the R' Honble Comps Permissive Course goods. tearms which all are free to do and orderd that publick notice be given thereof and that she be dispatch't with all expedition.

Some troubles hapning at Metchlepatam and Maddapollam gives us reason to divert our Intentions of sending the Ship Maddapollam & Samuel Ketch for repair at Maddapollam, Tis therefore orderd that they be dispatch't for Porto

Novo to be there fitted.

Mr Francis Bett being recoverd of his late wounds, returnd yesterday from Conimere, bringing us the ballance of the Porto Novo books, wherein we find severall debts from the Companys Servants which the Secretary is orderd to demand & receive and pay into the Honble Compas Cash to the Presiden[t].

> JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº : CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

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Bencolen.

Generall to the Cheif and Councill of Conimere dated the (1) Instant read and past.

21. Advice from nombay. President Michell dead also Mr [sic]

Packett from the Generall &ca at Bombay arrived us this day, adviseing us their Negotiation in those parts, and the death of President Michell and Capt Richard Clifton, which brought us also a pacquet from the Rt Honble Compa dated the 27: of August 1688 with an In ulgence and an order of Coart prohibiting Bay Goods, which arrived on the Kempthorne the 20th of May last at Bombay, the Ship Dyana was also expected to arrive there in few days more.

Ship Resolution Capt Wm Sharp Commander sett saile this morning for

Resolution Bencolen and Batavia. sett saile for

--- FOAT ST. GEORGE, SEFTEMBER 1689-

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNE MR JOHN LITTLETON MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM : FRASER MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS: GRAY

MUNDAY 23.

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.

The 29 Instant after the dispatch of our advices to the Rt Honble Compa and Bombay by a Porteguez ship bound to Goa from S' Thoma, arrived the R' The Rt Hon: Honble Compas and the Generall &ca of Bombays letters, were this day perused Compas ap in Councill, and the severall subjects discourst, also the Generall of the same the bombay date to their Agent and Councill of Bengall, who being here with us, as also caused & M' Trenchfeild, who was sent for & acquainted with their Hon's pleasure in debated. dismissing him their service, which he humbly submitted to, assureing us that he feild dishad not deserved the character given of him nor ever had any inclination to mist. faction, or any thing that tended to it, by which he has been no small sufferer there. Agent Charnock was sent for, but being indisposed excused his comeing, but the Secretary was orderd to send the letters to him for his and his Councills Pusal and that they do give their answer thereto to the Rt Honble Compa to send by the

It being the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} order y^t who ever Aldermen of their Covenant Mr Trenolifield dischar-Servis be dismist from their service, must also cease from being Aldermen, weh ye

Mayor &ca were acquainted with, by weh Mr Trenchfeild is discharg'd. Capt Thwaites delivering his Accts of the Dorothy friggots demorage &ca since Capt

his arrivall, ye Paymast Custom & storekeep are orderd to examine ye said acct, Thwaites Acct of his and report to the Councill.

The Coart of Aldermen being upon a new Election of some Aldermen for those displaced, and haveing already more English among them then the Charter or the Compa allows of, to the lessning ye due number of forreigners and natives, to whom the Charter designes the greatest encouragement, the following order was sent to the Mayor &ca by the Attorney Generall, as entered next after this Consultation.

gd of his Aldermenships Demorage &ca to be examined.

Persons recommended to be Chosen Aldermen

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL.
JNº: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. W : CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

The President & Councills order & recommendation to the Worsp¹¹ Mayor & Aldermen of the Citty of Madrass for the Election of a Mayor & Aldermen & dis-

missing Mr Richd Trenchfield from that charge vizt.

Wee the President and Councill of Fort St George doe hereby require You the Worspⁿ Mayor & Coart of Aldermen of this Citty and town of Madrass, that in your next election of a new Mayor, and to keep as near to the Seniority and station, as possibly you can, and since Aldermen Trenchfeild dismi[st] from that charge, Wee do nominate and recommend for Aldermen, Senh Gregorio Armenian Pedro Tores, dutchman and Timapa, Peddavencatadree or Senhr: Nicoloa Manucho, dated in Fort St George this 23: of September 1689.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN CHENEY. WILLIAM CAWLEY.

[23RD]

Letter to ye Generall of Batavia.

FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1689-

Coppy of the President and Councills letter to the Generall and Councill of Batavia demanding the Royall Jame's Cargo of pepper as followes viz.

To His Exceller Joannes Camphuys, Gen'l for the R' Honble Neatherlands East India Compa Affaires in India &ca Lords of the Honble Councill at Batavia.

May it Please Your Excelley &ca.

By Severall Englishmen Your Exceller & & & were pleased lately to send us on your Ship from Batavia to Pollicat, we are informed that our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters Ship the Royall James, laden and dispatch't by their Governour and Councill in York Fort at Bencolen the [lacuna in original.] of November 1689, was by the distress of an accidentall leak for it into the Port of Bantam for releif, and from thence by Your Exceller Commands brought into Your Port of Batavia, where for want of money necessarys and Creddit to repair her and mantaine themselves, they were necessitated to make sale of the kt Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Ship for eleven hundred Rix Dollers.

But that Your Excelles &c was favourably pleas'd to \$\pi\text{mitt the unladeing}\$, and houseing the R' Honble Compas pepper, and to order three English of the Ships Company to stay to take care thereof, we had favour we most thankfully acknowledge, and doubt not our R' Honble Company will esteem it so to, but that neither the said pepper nor our People may be longer troublesome to Your Excelles &c we herewith send another of the R' Honble Compas Ships the Resolution, Cap' William Sharp Command' or his Successors to receive and relade the said pepper for England and to satisfie and clear all charges thereon, wherein we entreat Your Excelles continued kindness, and y' you will please to order such necessarye Assistance as may expedite her dispatch for England, which kindness will undoubtedly be greatly esta[e]mel by our Honble Compa approved by your and Commended by both our nations, whose strict allyance, must oblige us to all acts of freindship & hospitallity, & more particularly to misfortunes of this nature, which we cannot doubt from so wise Just & generous an Assembly To whom we wish all honour and prosperity, Subscribeing,

Your Excell^{cy} &c^a

most faithfull humble Servts.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Coppy of a Protest, to be deliverd to the Generall & Councill of Batavia in case they refuse the delivery of Ship Royall James' Cargoe of Pepper &ca to Capt Wm: Sharp, upon his demand thereof Viz.

To His Excell^{cy} Johanes Camphuys, Generall for the R^t Hon^{ble} Neatherlands East India Comp^{as} Affaires in India &c^a Lords of the Hon^{ble} Councill att

Batavia.

May it Please Your Excelley &ca.

Whereas Ship Royall James with a Cargo of round Pepper amounting to Baharrs two thousand Seventy three, and three hundred fourty pounds, laden by the R^t Worsp^{ll} Benjamin Bloom Governour &c* Conneill of York Fort at Bencolen on the Island of Sumatra for Acc* of the R^t Hon^{ble} English East India Comp*: dispatch't

Protest to be delivered to ye Generall in case he denyes ye delivery of ye Royall James Cargo,

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and consigned to them in England from sd Port the 19th November 1688: but soon after by springing an unfortunate leak, which they could by noe means remedy or clear at Sea, were forced to make the best of their way to the King of Bantam his Port of Bantam for releif, that being the nearest and fittest place for it, but soon after their arrivall there and before they had done anything towards the stopping of their leak, they were by Your Excelley &ca Command brought thence to Your Port of Batavia, where haveing waited and petitioned long for Your Excelly &ca favourable assistance to their distrest condition, without the least releif or notice of their misfortunes, they were for want of money necessaryes and Creddit, to repair her or maintaine themselves, necessitated to make an illegall sale of the said Royall James for eleven hundred Rix Dollers, which about five years past, cost near fifteen thousand pounds sterling of England or 60,000 rix dollers a bad markett for English ships and a sadd Acct for her owners, which small proceed of Ship and Stores, the unauthorized Venders unjustly distributed amongst themselves, and it seems spent it, idly at Batavia, returning much poorer hither

without their Ship yn they went with it;

And whereas Your Exceller were pleased to Permitt the unladeing and houseing the said Cargo of Pepper upon the Island Onrust, giveing ye charge & keeping to three Englishmen Viz. John Buttle Thomas Faircloath and George Carmack, belonging to said ship, who duely paid the charge of its houseing, Upon notice whereof Wee the President and Councill of Fort St George for Acct of the Rt Honble English East India Compa according to our dutyes have sent Capt William Sharp or his Successor, Commander of the Rt Honble: Compas Ship Resolution to receive and lade the said pepper aboard Her for England, but Your Excelley &ca haveing contrary to all reason and Justice refused the delivery thereof on pretence of demands upon our Rt Honble Compa from the King of Bantam, which have not least collour or Shaddow of right in them, Since Your Exceller and Honble Councill well know how much our Rt Honble Compa sufferd and lost in goods debts and trade, by their being unjustly dispossest of their factory & rightfull possession in Bantam, the they had been the raising and enriching of that King and Kingdome, besides the King of Bantams particular great debt to them which still remaines due as P Accis, and had it been otherwise, can it be believed or supposed, but that King would have satisfyed himself out of ye treasure and goods he deliverd to the English at their departure from thence to Batavia, but this and that action being sufficiently known both in India and Europe, it needs no further arguments to confute its being a reason for Your Excelley &ca detaining the Rt Honble Compa Pepper unhappily fallen under your mercy, nor any other reason that wee can imagine so long as our nations continue their peace & allyance and their Articles are of any Vallidity with You, wen makes the action so illegall and unjust, that we are bound in duty to declare it so, and hereby to complain and appeale to the Lawes of England and Holland for Justice herein, And do also in the name & behalf of our Rt Honble Masters the Rt Honble East India Company, Protest and declare against You the Generall and Honble Councill of Batavia, for the Rt Honble Neatherlands East India Compa Jointly and Severall in the Summe of one hundred thousand pounds Ster's of England for this unwarrantable Act of Yours the Heer Johannes Camphuys, the Heer William Van Outhoren, the Heer Martin Pitt, the Heer Jon Van Hooren, the Heer Pawve, the Heer St Martin, The Heer Van Beveren, the Heer Volkonier, the Heer Eninge, for your Joint or Severall detention of the said Two thousand Seventy two baharrs & three hundred and fourty pounds of round Pepper belonging to the Rt Honble English East India Compa of London, for all damages disappointments & losses they shall or may sustein thereby, as also for the demorage and dead freight for want of that ladeing of Pepper for their Ship Resolution and likewise in behalf of the owners of Ship Royall James for your ordering or permitting her illegal sale or distruction under your authority and Government, all which by a reasonable calculation amounts to about the said Summe of one hundred thousand pounds Sterling, which we hereby charge You the Generall and every of You of Councill with, as you shall

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Instructions to Capt Wm

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answer it to the Crown & Lawes of England and High and mighty States of the Neatherlands united Provinces, Given under our hands and the R' Honble English East India Comp^{as} Seale at their Fort S' George in the Citty of Madrass, this Sixteenth day of September Anno Dom: 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAYELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Instructions to Cap' W^m Sharp for his proceeding to and negotiating of the R' Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Affaires at Bencolen and Batavia Viz'.

Your ship being orderd to Bencolen, and Batavia you are upon Your arrivall

To Cap^t William Sharp Com^{dr} of Ship Resolution.

at Bencolen to deliver the Governour and Councill there, ye treasure and our goeing for and demanding the pepper at Batavia takeing his &c untiler advice therein, as also the Royall James Invoice and bill of Ladeing for said Pepper and other necessary testomonyes to produce to the Generall and Councill if they should question it, to be the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} but you are to stay noe longer then Ten days at Bencolen, after which to proceed to Batavia, whereupon your arrivall you are respectfully to deliver our letter to the Generall & and accordingly to make demands for said pepper, which if deliverd, you, to pay all just charges thereon as also for the reladeing of it aboard the Ship, and what other necessary debts and expences made by the three English men, left there in care of it, for which purpose we have orderd Mr Bloom &ca to pay you a thousand Dollers, which wee suppose may be more then sufficient to bear that charge, but if it proves otherwise we now write the Honble Compa to satisfie you for wt more you shall expend thereon, but if the Generall &ca should refuse the delivery of the sa Pepper upon any pretence whatever, then we hereby order You to give him &c° our protest in the R¹ Honble Comp¹⁸ name and to require their answer thereto, after which to take aboard the three Englishmen left there to look after the pepper, & to saile wth all expedition to Bencolen, if there is any probabillity to gett a ladeing of Pepper for y' Ship, otherwise to returne hither, thro ye streights of Mallacca, where we shall endeavour to provide the best ladeing we can for you for England, but we hope you will not be disappointed of Pepper either at Batavia or Bencolen, which if you receive there then to saile from Batavia or Bencolen directly for St Helena & follow such orders, as y° shall there receive from the R¹ Honble Comp³ but if y° find none, then to keep Comp³ with such Ships as y° shall meet there bound for England,

keeping a good watch & Caution of all forreigne Ships to prevent being surprized by enimyes, desireing you to send us an Acc' of your Success & expence at Batavia, that we may advise y Hon ble Comp thereof as we would have y also doe upon Your arrivall in England, which with our wishes for yo' good Success & Voyage

Fort S^t George, the 16th September 1689.

we remaine.

Your Affectionate friends,
ELIHU YALE,
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL* FRASER.
WILLIAM CAVLEY,

THOMAS GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR ME THOMS WAVELL M^B JOHN LITTLETON M⁸ JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER

TUESDAY. 25

ME WILLIAM CAWLEY MR

Generall to the Rt Honble Compa was read approved & orderd to be engrost Generall and sent by the Dorothy friggot as also Capt James Thwaite's dispatch for his to ye Rt Hopble sailing, ordering him to be cautious of all ships these troublesome times, and upon his arrivall at S^t Helena to follow such orders as shall receive from the R^t Hon^{ble} Company thence keeping company with such of our ships bound home, to secure him from being surprized by any enimys.

The Warehousekeep' Paymaster and Storekeeper being orderd the last Copt. Thwoi-Consultation day to examine Cap' James Thwaites Acct' deliverd in then of his to order Demorage &ca due to Him to the 30th Instant, report the ballance to amount to report to £1738: 2:6; which is orderd to be paid him at the rate of 9° \$\phi\$ Pago amounts to ball.

Pags 3862: 18: takeing his receipt for the same.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY. WILL™: FRASER. WILLM CAWLEY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Generall from Conimere dated the 25th Instant accompanying the Cuddalore 27TH Generall Books E. enforming us that they have thus long waited, for the Pulli-cherry Merchants proposall for an Investm but to little effect, there ariseing a mere. dissention amongst themselves, and till that be accommadated they cannot meet about other Affaires, they also advise us of the dispose of their old remaines of Europe Goods at good rates notwithstanding they had been much dammaged by salt water and Wormes.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD^X

FRYDAY.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^R JOHN LITTLETON Mв MR WILLM FRASER M^R JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM CAWLEY M^B The Councill being duely Summond.

Last night the President receiving a letter from Pollicat, adviseing that the Mogulls Mogull has orderd the beseiging this place and to destroy all the English in his Beseige ys Dominions and to seize their concernes, with many other Severityes against us, place. assureing us they receiv'd late letters from Golcanda of the certainty thereof, as also the continued differences at Bombay, which had exasperated the Mogull to this cruell order, but that we may not be surprized the Paymaster Storekeeper (in their severall imploys) are order'd to fitt and repair the defects of the town and walls of the Garrison, and make provision of Powder Shott &ca sufficient against a seige.

Upon Perusall of the Porto Novo Cloth we find itt very ordinary and ill Conimere wash't, whereupon the sorters being here were sent for, and examined about it, ordinary

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who alledg'd that they had turned out above half of what the Merchants brought in, and by the scarcity and dearness of goods, they were not able to bring in more, to compleat their Contract, and the reason the Cloth was not so good as ours, is that, tis of lower numbers and prizes and few washers, but we haveing noe other goods to lade the Dorothy with, nor time or musters to resort them by, The Warehousekeeper is orderd to lade them aboard sd ship, referring them to the Rt Honble Compas determination, which the sorters consent to and engage to satisfie their Honrs therein.

Mr Cheney read his Accts.

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death. 30.

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tam factory seizd upon

by the Mogulls people &ca.

Madrass friggott

thence.

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arriv'd from Corlinga-

Mercht arrived.

The Paymaster, Mr John Cheney read his book of Accts for the month of August, which was past in Councill.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON.

Xber 27: 1689.

I except ye sending yo Porto Novo Clo: for Engd by ye Dorithy THO: WAVELL. before it bee resorted.

JNº: CHENEY. WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

Porto Novo Cloth unfitt to be sent home.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Pass given to Ship Happy Returne whereof Mr Jnº Gray is Owner.

This evening was informed with the sad news of Harja Raja, King of the Harja Rajas Morattaes, death, weh was confirmed by the Cheif and Councill of Conimer in a letter from them, but gives us noe Acct who is like to succeed in the Government.

Ship Conimere Merchant, Capt Antony Pennyston arrived this evening from Atchein.

This day came advice from our Dubash & bramenee at Metchlepatam that the Duans people had taken the keys of their eighteen Godownes, wth severall other things as brass gunns, powder &ca out of our ffactory, imprisoning them and the rest of the English's Servants and useing many other hostile actions

The Madrass friggott, Capt William Brookes Commander arrived this day from Corlingapatam on the Coast of Gingelee, with a Loading of Paddy, adviseing that the 26th last month Passed by some Peons from Bengall with a large Packett and a lackerd Bamboe, which sayes to containe a Phyrmaund from the Mogull, also confirming the late newes we received from the dutch at Polliacat that the Advices from Mogulls orders were arrived at Metchlepatam, directing them to all the Governours to seize the English, wheresoever they mett them.

The Pearle friggot, Capt: Ja: Perryman Commdr: arrived here ys day wth the Cheifs & Councills Gen &c from Vizagap: on her arriv'd also the Bengall Pat-

tamar wth the [. . .] of Benglis Phyrwanna &c.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 7тн.

ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR Mª JOHN LITTLETON Mª THOMS WAVELL MR WILLIAM FRASER MR JOHN CHENEY MR THOMS: GRAY. MR WILL' CAWLEY

The Presidents Acct Cash read.

The Presidents Acct of the Rt Honble Companyes Cash for the month of September was read and past & the ballance examined amig to Pags 83805:14:

Mr Wavells Accts read.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeepr his Warehouse accts for the month of Augst were read and past, who was orderd to keep a leidger to his Journall as formerly yt we may the readier know ye remaines of all goods.

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The Pearle friggot arriveing yesterday from Vizagapatam with bale goods & Pearle the Warehousekeep is orderd to unlade her wth all expedition to prevent the danger of the Monsoon & to traverse the 12: bundles of sticklack aboard the orderd to un-Dorothy if she can receive them by her also came the Bengall Peons, who as was reported brought us severall letters & a Phyrmaund from the new Nabob of Bengall Ebrahim Cawn to ye President dated the 2d July : very kindly Inviteing us to return and resettlem^t: with assurance of a just & fair usage to the R^t Hon^{ble} Compas Serves and trade & upon of former Priviledges, & to assist us in the Nabob of recovery of our debts oweing to us in those parts, much blameing the late Nabobs Bengall. injustice and Cruelty to our people, which notwithstanding it is most acceptable news to us, as we doubt not twill also be to the Rt Honble Company and Generall &ca: but our resettlement being a matter of great weight and Importance, and haveing no authority for it, or any licence from the Rt Honble Compa about it, besides the monsoons will not yet Pmitt our sending to the Bay, Tis therefore Goundill of agreed & orderd that the Agent &ca of the Bengall Councill be summond to a Bengall be Councill with us on Wednesday next, that the buisness may be then fully debated Councill. and resolved, and in the meantime, that the President made severall proposalls to the Councill for their better considerations in that matter.

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Generall to the Rt Houble Company to the 2d of Oct: was read and approved. Genll to Mr John Littleton and Mr Richard Elliot Overseers to Mr Robert freeman, Rt Honble paying unto the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a the ballance of Cap^t Ant^c: Phenn deceased's Michael Aco^{ts} which amounting to Pag^s 2570: which they desired may be paid to his Widerseers to dow in England at 9s: P Paga and that the Rt Hon ble Compa be advised accord- Mr freeman ingly thereof.

pd ye ball : Phens Act.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY.

WILL: FRASER. WM : CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

This day arrived the Bencolen frigggot from the West Coast, with letters and 7. advices thence, the Mate Mr Plum informing that in her Voyage she had sprung a Bencolen leak which occasiond their goeing to Vizagapatam, being the leeward most port brought sad upon the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces, amongst whom that the tampen the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants by the Mogulls forces amongst whom the Mogulls forces amongst whom the Mogulls forces amongst whom the Magull forces amongst whom the Mogulls forces amongs ners to the seerlascar, and all the Rt Honble Compa and private person's Concernes seiz'd upon, amongst whom the Commander & purser of said shipp were also taken prisoners.

writr kill'd Mogull,

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^B PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR JOB CHARNOCK AGENT M^E JOHN LITTLETON M^R M^R FRANCIS ELLIS M^R JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER MR WILLIAM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY MR JOHN BEARD. ME JEREMIAH PEACHY The Councill of Bengall being summond.

THURSDAY

Agent Charnock &ca being this day Joyned with us in Councill, the Nabobs The Nabobs letters and Phyrwanna from Bengall to the President were perused and long letter Phyrodebated on and being concluded to be a happy good opportunity to returne and deceased. settle in Bengall, that Government being under that famously just and good Nabob Ebrahim Cawne, who has so kindly invited us to it, and faithfully engaged our peace and safety, of whose honour the Agent has had long experience at Pattana and of his just and peaceable administration of that Government, and that

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there was not the least doubt of his complyance therewith, but the warr continuing still at Bombay and in those parts, as also the late unhappy accident of the Mogulls seizing the Metchlepatam Maddapollam and Vizagapatam factorys and the severall English and concernes there, gives us great reason to believe, there was too much truth in what Dutch reported, the Monsoon also not yet offering for the bay, and the Rt Honbie Compa haveing also more particularly left that Affair & Settlement to the Generall &ca: Tis agreed that he be advised as soon as possibly thereof and Coppies of the Phyrwanna and severall letters sent him with our To advise the opinions thereof, Desireing his &as advice and orders therein, and that a small Vessell be fitted for that purpose the overland passage being very uncertaine and dangerous (But these late troubles at Vizagapatam happring contrary to expectation and threatning this place also so that we cannot send those supplyes of men &a, we intended for Bombay, which we suppose also they have no great occasion for, The Generall not acquainting us therewith) that wee may have an answer thereof before the season offers for Bengall and that in the meantime a civill kind letter be wrote to the Nabobs generous Phyrwanna as also Coppy thereof and a letter of advice to Mr Eyres &ca there, for their discreet deportment and to acquaint the Nabob that wee intend to return as soon as the season of the year will permitt,

> There being a Bond standing out against the deceased Capt Edward Inglish, which was taken by the Agent and Councill of Bengall on Acct of Armes & ammunition sold by him to the Rt Honble Company which after the Warr was declared against the King of Syam, the Agent & suspected that those Armes did belong to that King and therefore to be a legall prize, so took Capt English's Bond for 2,000 Rups being the amount, of said Armes, sold Long before the Proclamation of the Warr, Referring yo matter to the Coart of Admiralty here, which said buisness being accordingly examined by them, but not ended before the death of Sr John Biggs the widdow of said Capt Edward Inglish desireing the Councill to Consider and end the sa buisness we have upon serious debates and enquirey of the Agent & into said Affair, found that by Capt Inglish's Accts sworn to in Coart the 7th of October 88: that the said armes did not belong to the King of Syam but to himself, It is therefore thought reason and Justice that the said Bond be cancell'd and that Capt Inglish's widdow be discharged from all future demands on said Acct.

Capt Inglish's bond be cancelled. Mr Grays Accts read,

Mr Thomas Gray Land Customer his books of accompts of the Land Customes for the month of September were read & past & Pag* 170 paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash on that Acct.

> Xber 27: 1689: JEREMIAH PEACHY. I Except ye delivery of Capt English's bond up it haveing been plainely proved in ye Court of Admeralty yt ye propriety of ye Ammunition sould ye Houble Compa in Bengall, was in ye King of Syam & not in Capt English.

ELIHU YALE. JOB CHARNOCK. JOHN LITTLETON. THO : WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY. FFRANCIS ELLIS. WILL: FRASER. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY.

15. letter and advice from Maddapollam.

Letter from Jango and Mungaraz Dubash and Bramenee at Maddapollam, to the Honble President dated the 28th Ultmo: adviseing there came, that: Inst: orders from the Governour of Metchlepatam to him of Narsopore to seize upon factory & seal up our Godownes, which the Maddapollam Government would not for some time permitt them thereto, till they had recd orders from Ellore to putt the same in execution which he accordingly did and imprisond us a whole night, till we had brout security for our appearance, and then freed us, they also confirming the sad dissa[s]ter at Vizagapatam giveing us a relation thereof as followes Vizt

relation of ye sad disaster at Vizagapatam.

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that on yo 13 last past the Seerlascar, by the Mogulls orders had sent his Rashwar to our factory in order to seiz and bring all the English and their concernes to Chiccacule the said Rashwar wth his forces comeing night he town in the night, where he had pitched his Tent & about 9: did surround the factory with his men & acquainted the English with the Seerlascars orders to which was reply'd they could not goe up without their Masters orders, and then as the st Rashwar was takeing the Cheif by hand to pluck him out of the house Mr Hall frees his blunderbush and kills three of their men, upon which they murder'd Mr Stables Mr Hall and Mr Croke takeing the rest Prisoners, and seizing upon all the Rt Honble Companyes Concernes, but gives us no further news of Mr Dubois and Mr fleetwood, who were gone up the Country for provision of Paddy, for the Rt Honble Companyes Acct.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MUNDAY 19.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESO. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^R THOM^S WAVELL M^R WILL^M FRASER M^e John Littleton MR JOHN CHENEY Mª WILL™ CAWLEY ME THOMAS GRAY.

Mr Hammon Gibbons Cheif of Indiapore, haveing drawn a Bill upon us for 2300 S payable to Mr Robt ffeilding Pthe Bencolen Mercht: who this day produceing the said bills to us, demand its contents, but upon consideration that the Company have great summes of money at the West Coast as likewise many Dollers in that ffactory, which he write us were not current there, so was necessitated to take these of Mr Feilding, but he haveing no oppertunity to dispose the said money or lade it there to advantage the ship being near full with Pepper &ca upon the Honble Com- To discharge panye's Acct, therefore we think requisite to deduct the 300 Dollers, advanced on Mr. Gibbons bill on ye Rt Bottomoree, as charged in the Bill, & only pay him the 2000 Dollers, which the Hon Compa. Warehousekeeper is orderd to pay him in Ingott Silver, and take up M. Gibbons Bill of exchange.

' The last part of the Generall to the Rt Honble Company was read approved and Signed, The President askeing the Councill, if they had any objection or anything

The Saphyr friggot being formerly designed for Atchein and the West Coast, Saphir to but being found out of repair and unfitt for it, Tis thought convenient to alter her proceed to Bombay. Voyage for Bombay with our Packetts &c4 where she may be well fitted, and bring us advices from thence, with what stores, Goa Arrack or other Ladeing the Generall & think convenient to send us.

ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THO: WAVELL. JNº: CHENEY.

WILL: FRASER. WM: CAWLEY. THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY

The Dorothy friggot Capt James Thwaites Comdr sett saile for England. Recd a Generall from the Cheif and Councill dated 15th Inst with a Coppy of Dorothy saild the Pullicherry Merchants proposalls for an Investment, which they referr us to for England. the Contents being as followeth Vizt.

GenIl from

Imp: That they can by noe means admitt the Provision of all course Goods. Conimere. but are willing to undertake to provide to the amount of 25000 Pagodas 15000 in Course Goods and 10000 in Fine receiveing $\frac{7}{8}$ in ready money and $\frac{1}{8}$ in Europe Goods as they shall approve of, and to be in the following Goods Viz.

Long cloth Ordy ... 24: | Pungiums Succatums, 40: & 25 Covts. 24: Sallamprs Morees fine. ... 18: 18: Sallampores fine. Long cloth ••• Sallamprs Neckcloths. Betteelaes of 50 & 49 Covts.

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Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOM^R WAVELL
M^R WILL CAWLEY M^R WILL GAWLEY
M^R WILL CAWLEY M^R THOMAS GRAY.

MUN DAY 21. Leave to ship off ½ of ye Wheat. There being great quantityes of Wheat in Towne, whose Proprietors desire leave to shipp off, or else that the R^t Hon^{ble} Company will buy it of them, but they haveing sufficient for the table, and as much as will be spent whilest good, Tis therefore order'd [that]all persons have liberty to shipp off the half of what they have, and that the rest be sold in town or remaine by them, least wee should be beseiged and come to want it of which there are hott discourses.

To employ ye Pearle on a voyage to Madagascar.

The Pearle friggot being returned to us from Vizagapatam well fitted, and haveing been some time here at great expence and charge to us, Tis thought fitt and agreed to employ her on a Voyage to Maddagascar for a supply of Cofferyes for the West Coast, which M' Bloom &c' in their severall letters have very much importun'd us for, as well to defend their fortifications as other services, they being more tractable, laborious and healthfull in those parts, then any other Cast of people, without whom they declare they cannott carry on their buisness nor defend the place, for the effecting of which, it is orderd that there be a sufficient and suitable cargo laden aboard, Viz. Toyes small ordenary Armes, Gunpowder and a small parcell of Dollers and a number of shakells for the well secureing the slaves; recemmending the care and dispose thereof to Mr James Wattson Capt James Perryaman and Mr Herbert Sawyer, but in case it should so happen that they cannot procure a trade there then to make tryall of the severall Ports on that Island, where if they be also disappointed, then to proceed to the Islands of Comro & or to the Coast of Mussimbeaque, at all which places they may without doubt procure sufficient for her Ladeing, which when they have effected then to saile with her Cargo directly for Bencolen to be deliver'd to the Governour &c for the Honble Compas Service, and that Instructions and letters be drawn up for this Affair and that the friggot be dispatch't as soon as possibly from the West Coast hither with a Ladeing of pepper and a particular Acct of this Voyage with what other Advices may import the Honble Compas Affaires.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON.

Decembr 27: 89.

I have now signed Consultacons for young of May, June, July, August & part of 7ber & Octobr to some of which I have made my exceptions, yours tho I have signed you yet I cannot charge my memory who you true Contents of you have ing been soe long Transacted.

T.w.

JN°: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

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Generall to the Cheif and Councill of Conimere of this date, adviseing them that 23. the Pullicherry Merchant's tearines, for an Investment are too preceise considering Genland the strickt limits wee are under about the provision of fine goods, but rather then conimere, break with them we may adventure upon a small Complyance, as also ordering them to treat with the Cuddalore Merchants about au Investment in Course goods, and that they sort noe more Browne Longcloth No. 1, it being too thin and Course

for ye Europe Vend.

Generalls from Agent Harris &ca at Surratt dated the 27 July and 2d August 24 last, adviseing of their unhappy imprisonment still, and that the treaty Gent from interchangebly signed and agreed to by the Generall and the Mogulls Nabob, was perfidiously broaken and was very near ketching the Generall, who had upon timely advice put himself in a posture of Defence. The Nabob by some ill advice had resolv'd to have the sole management and Creditt in the takeing of Bombay Castle, and would hearken to no tearmes of peace, but in his prosecution was interposed by the Generall, Padrees &ca Portegueze at Daman, and brought the Nabob to a treaty with the Generall, wt the event of it may be they knew not. Also adviseing of the Kempthorne & Dyana ['s] arrivall at Bombay with good recruites of men and ammunition, and confirming the death of President Michell and severall other Gentlemen. Their last advises us that Mocktier Cawne Nabob of Surratt is gone up to Coart, and has left them in the same Condition, notwithstanding they petitioned to have their Irons off, but was denyd excuseing he had not power to do it, but will endeavour to befreind ym at Coart, & that there also came a possitive order from the Nullia Assett Cawne to recall the Siddye from the Island of Bombay, without further delayes, and tis also thought that his Master was by the King Commanded up too, upon which were well assured that He hath had a true Acct : of our Affaires and is inclined to make Peace with us, which the Allmighty grant.

No Consultation, The President being much Indisposed.

A Cowle granted to Shearshapaw Wordapah and six sorts of Mint Gold- Munday smiths by the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr President & Governour of Fort St George & Councill dated this 3d of November 1689.

Although your actions have hitherto been very bad yet Timmapah, Dugapa, Allingall Pilla Narran, Ranga Chettee & pleading much in Your behalves that You have been old servants and trusty People Wee therefore forgive your former bad actions & grant you this o' Cowle which you may trust to come hither carry on the Rt Honble Companyes buisness and receive for your Labour according to Sallabad You may trust to this our Cowle and rest with Contented hearts.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON. THOMAS WAVELL. JOHN CHENEY. WILLIAM FRASER. WILLIAM CAWLEY. THOMAS GRAY.

The foregoing Cowle was accordingly dispeeded to the Mint Goldsmiths, for 4. the recalling them in, who had for some time obsconded themselves into the severall parts of the Countrey.

This day arrived the Ship Chandos, Capt John Bonnell Commander from 5. England, the Generall Pacquett, was brought ashoar, and the Rt Honble Compas Letters perused by the Councill, and according to order, King William and Queen Mary were Proclaimed at the Fort and the severall gates of the Citty, King and

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Queen of England, with all due solemnityes of the Garrison Soldiers, Citty Train bands and Fort Canons, with a Handsome Supper at the Fort Hall, and all other joyfull respects.

Generall to the Agent and Councill at Surratt read and approved, adviseing

occurrances to this present time.

Being advised from Pullicherry that there hapned a Violent Storme which brought the Sea into their Town and wash't many of their houses downe, killing

40 or 50 of their Europeans & many of the Natives.

Letter to Ebrahim Cawne Nabob of Bengall being in answer to his late letter and Phyrwanna, rec^a by the Pearle friggot, as also another to M Eyres and M Braddill ordering them to deliver the Presidents letter to the Nabob with all respects and care, discourseing him on the same subjects he has wrote Coppy of which went inclosed, which may engage his fireindship to the procuery of the Kings Phyrmaund for our secure returne to our settlements and trade, which were read and approved.

Pearl friggot Capt Perryman Command sett saile for Madagascar.

Munday 12.

12.

No Consultation the President still continueing very ill of a Feavor.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY
14.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOMAS WAVELL
M^R JOHN CHENEY M^R WILL^N FRASER
M^R WILL^M CAWLEY M^R TROM^S GRAY,

The President haveing been sometime ill of a feavour has been the occasion of our not meeting till now, hee being a little recoverd, read his acc^t Cash for the month of October the Ballance examined am^t . . . P: 82987:07:—

The Ship Chandos arriveing the 5th Instant the Generall Letters &c^h Papers were perused and according to order the Proclamation sent us, King William & Queen Mary were Proclaimed King and Queen of England, with all due solemnityes and formalityes of the Government and Corporation wth Bonfyres and the Fort Canons with all other necessary demonstrations of respects and Honour to so great news.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeeper was orderd to unlade the Chandos with all possible expedition, yt she might be in a readiness to be employed on some short Voyage to compensate her Demorage, twas also Consider'd which way to send the Honbie Companyes packett &ce to Bombay, the Land conveyance being at present very unsafe by reason of the Warrs and many troubles the Countrey is infested with, Twas therefore agreed the securest way to send them by sea, and rather to waite some time for such an oppertunity then to hazard them overland, and if noe vessell suddainly offers for those parts, then to send them to Bombay on one of our small Sloops as soon as fitted.

The Hon the Comp Merchants being very slow and backward in bringing as their goods upon the last Contract, & haveing been often prest and reprehended for their delayes, who as often excuse themselves upon the troubles and warrs in the countrey, which have been and are very prejudiciall to their trade, haveing sufferd much thereby, declareing they could proceed no further neither upon the old Contract nor a new one, except we would engage for the Rt Hon Comp to Indemnifye them from all Losses and robberyes they should susteine thereby, which wee told them was not in our power to agree to, being also very unreason.

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able in itself, since if we should make such a contract, all the Honble Compass stock might come to nothing, by magnifying their Losses, but the we could not comply therewith, yet we would for their encouragement and towards their charge and hazzard, advance 5 \$\pi\$ Cent on the present prices, but they would by noe means agree to that neither, since the french and Dutch advancet 10 \$\pi\$ Cent upon the former prices of their goods, most of which were fine cloth, but ours Course, by which they at best got little, they also would not receed from their proposall of the Compass running the hazzard of their trade alledging it to be most reasonable since their troubles and losses were cheifly occasioned by the Compass warr, so being not able to bring them to better tearmes yet, Wee dismiss them to better Considerations.

The our former Proposalls for alterations in the Mint and coynes, be of great consequence and advantage to the R⁵ Hon^{bio} Comp⁵ and more particularly to our Southern trade and factoryes, where the difference is from 2 to 5 \(\psi\$ Cent, which in reallity is but five fanams in the hundred Pagodas betwixt our and the Pollicatt Pagodas both in weight & fineness, but we haveing mett with some obstructions by the Perversness of the Minters, who are extreamly averst thereto, in so much that they fled from their buisness and the towne into the Countrey, where they have absented themselves some time, therefore for severall reasons Twas thought best to recall them for the present and not yet make any further progress or alteration therein, Till we have a greater quantity of Gold to beginn upon, and the times better settled, least this also may add to our troubles too.

M' Robert Chiswell lately arriveing here from Bencolen upon the Bencolen friggot, and haveing upon Permission of the Cheif &ca there brought some Pepper, but being not well acquainted with the Methods and rules of our Custome house, though he had desired to be enformed therein from some of tha[t] Councill, but in the mean time haveing Landed his pepper in the Custome house before enter'd, twas offer['d]by the Customer whether twas a lawfull Seizure or not, but the former Customer, declareing that it was accustomary here in such cases to permit a Post entry, Twas therefore thought just and agreed that the said Pepper be freed and deliverd to the Proprietors, after Paying the stated dutyes of half penny a pound Permissiô: and 5 \(\psi\$ Cent Custome with the usuall fees to the Custom' and freight.

The Corrall Merchants comeing to town about the Hon^{ble} Comp⁸⁸ Corrall, who haveing seen & examined all in the warehouse they came to treat about y^e prices which was given them with little advance upon the former Rates Viz¹ 230 Pag² pm maund for the branch Corrall in box: 110: for the Second sort and 90 for the other, which after some dayes consideration thereupon they bring in the prizes being the uttmost they can give, Viz¹ first sort, Pag³ 150 pm maund, 2^d sort Pag³ 145; for the branch Corrall in box, for the second sort, 55: & P: 52: and for the third 40 & 25 Pag³ pm d⁴: which being lower then ever we yet sold for, and less then their Invoice Cost, wee can by noe means dispose thereof at those rates, but leave it to further considerations or keep it for better marketts.

The President proposed to the Councill the settling of a Factory near Tutecarry, which we were lately encouraged to by an Invitation and hopes of procureing great quantityes of Pepper also to send two persons to reside at Trincambar to buy what goods they could, proper for Europe also graine & for stores for the Garrison, when there should be occasion, and some other Factory to the southward for the procuery of course goods, and employing the Hon he Companyes Stock, which we have little hopes to doe here or at Commerce or to the Northw⁴.

M' John Gray lately of this place dying att Maddapollam intestate, who being indebted to the R' Honble Company and severall of this place, and that there may be a due care of the collection of His Estate and paying all Persons in proportion as far as 'twill reach, Wee therefore appoint and order: M' William Fraser and M' Thomas Mackreeth his Freinds and Countreymen, they being willing to undertake the trouble of an Administration, provided that they are accomptable for noe more then they receive which Wee do hereby approve of, ordering the Mayors

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Coart to impower them therein, as well also doe hereby to receive make sale, dispose account, pay sue, and discharge all Persons and Concernes whatever that shall be found due to or from said John Gray requireing all persons to pay due Submission thereto, and M John Littleton is orderd to draw up his Acc with the

Rt Honble Company and deliver it to them.

Wee haveing certaine advice that Rama Rajah King of the Morattaes is come privately from His Kingdome of Punnarree, to the Chingye Countrey leaveing his Uncle in charge of the Kingdome and family to manage the Warr against the Mogull, his designe of comeing hither being reported to divert the Mogulls Army from thence and joine with the severall Gentue Naigues & raise a considerable army to retake the Golcanda & Vizapore Kingdomes, weh there is great probability of, both places being at present very weakly gaurded & we haveing had severall factorys under the Chingee Government where he now is, 'twas proposed & debated whether twas not absolute necessary to congratulate his arrivall & some suitable present be sent to see great a Prince and freind, he haveing lately been very kind and assisting to the Generall at Bombay in their troubles, and very just and favourable to our factoryes and trade under his Government in these parts, but considering that our appearance from hence may exasperate the Mogulls forces aget us, twas therefore thought more safe and prudent, yt such civillityes be paid & managed by our Cheif at Conimere who are directly under his Government, & therefore can be less resented, but yt they do first observe wt the french & dutch do therein, something following their methods both in respects and presents, & that we take the oppertunity to improve our priveledges in those parts.

The Paymaster and Storekeeper are againe order'd to bring in Materialls and fortifye the Garrison, our troubles appearing, nearer to us then formerly, five thousand of the Mogulls horses being reported to be upon the march this way.

The Coart of Aldermen (since the Vacation of the Coart of Admiralty) being prest with more buisness then usuall, whereby the buisness of the Chowltrey has been long neglected to the dissatisfaction of the Inhabitants, for whose content, and greater ease to the Coart of Aldermen, Mr John Cheney, Mr Cawley and Mr Gray are appointed Justices of the Chowltry to sett there duely twice a week to hear and decide all small differences and prepare and recommend buisiness of greater moment to the Coart of Aldermen, we being a place of much trouble Mr John Cheney is therefore excused and discharged from being of the Coart of Aldermen, he paying the stated fine of the Charter, it being his earnest desire and request.

Cap' Barwick Gunner of the Outworks lately deceasing, whereby that place is Vacant and haveing no fitting person here at present that will undertake it; but Mr Thom' Makreeth haveing some skill in Fortifycation and Gunnery, and there being little other buisness at present for him, he is orderd provisionall Surveyor and to direct and inspect w Bullwarks and fortifications are orderd to be erected & repaired and Mr Wright assistant to the Paymaster to look strictly after the workmen, coolyes & materialls, y the Comp be not wrong d therein, and 'tis orderd y Mr Makreeth be allow'd the charge he is at in Pallinqueen hyre for

vissitting the works.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILL AM PROBY Secry.

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Letter to [Lacuna in the original] Seerlascar of the Gingerlee Countrey, 15. requireing the reasons of the Barbarous murther committed on the R¹ Hon^{blo} Comp²⁰ Servants at Vizagapatam by his people, carrying the rest prisoners and seizing on their concernes, without giveing the least occasion of offence. Demanding full satisfaction for all the injuries done them; and the R¹ Hon^{ble} Comp²⁰ concernes, to be freely deliver'd up, and those under confinement, restored to their Liberties, which if they refuse to do, then to endeavour to take it, telling him that he neither wants force or powder to do it.

neither wants force or powder to do it.

Ship Ruby, Cap^t Henry Laurence Commander belonging to M^r Robert 17.

Freeman deceased, arrived this day from Syam, Via Atchein and Bengall, where not withstanding the Nabobs fair promises and encouragements for our returne, and settlement there they were ill treated and denyed trade and provisions. We are also enformed that the R^t Hon^{ble} Company's servants and other English lately freed from their imprisonment there, were again under restraint occasioned by a late order from the Mogull, and y^t M^r William Hodges dyed aboard Said Ship in Ballasore road. She brings advice of the Pryamans being lost on the braces wth

her Cargoe, driven thither in her passage from Bencolen hither.

Genil from the Cheif and Councill of Conimere dated the 16th Instant, 20. acknowledgeing the receipt of the 2000 Pag' sent them by the Pearle friggott. They advise us they have been upon a treaty with the Cuddalore Merchants for an Investment, who gives for answer that if we will allow a proportionable quantity of fine goods with the Course, and receive them at Cuddalore, they may possibly adventure upon one otherwise they will say noe more to it, and finds that the Pullicherry Merchant[s] are by their indifferences and delayes, upon the like treaty, so referr the matter to the President and Councill, only giveing their opinion that if there be no alteration in the list of goods required, and allow more fine goods thereon, they are of beleif that there are no Merch's will engage with us for an Investment. Of News they advise us that Cashua Pontulo is the great favorite at Coart and Harja Raja's son under confinem' but know not the reasons thereof, The french some dayes past sent up their people to congratulate Rama Raja, the Dutch are likewise prepareing to do the same from Negapatam.

Letter from the Dubash and Bramenee at Metchlepatam, adviseing that the 29. Duans people has forced great summs of money from them, and severall of the R! Hon^{ble} Companyes Servants there for their charges and appearance, and they would have likewise served our Merchants so, but that they have obsconded them-

selves under other Governments.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUE
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOM^S: WAVELL
M^R DHN CHENEY M^R WILL^R FRASER
M^R THOMAS GRAY.

Haveing now received certaine advice from the Cheif and Councill at Conimere, that Rama Rajah King of the Morattaes is come overland from his Kingdome and Army at Punnarree to his Government and Castle at Chingee, and that the French and Dutch have already sent Persons with Considerable presents to congratulate him into the Countrey, each reported to be to the amount of near 1400 Pag* and it being also expected that we should likewise pay our respects to him in the same nature as well for the favourable assistants done the Rt Hon¹⁸ Countrey, and the he may expect to be visitted hence by one of our Councill, yet least that should give suspition to the Mogulls Government and Army in these parts and exasperate them against us, wth they seem now more inclined to, from

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the late news and troubles at Bombay, Wee therefore conclude it more safe and expedient that the Cheif of Conimere with a suitable ritinnue do goe and Vissitt King Rama Rajah at Chingye with a present from thence wherein not much to exceed the amount of Pag* 600, since the french circumstances and ours in those parts are different, where they haveing their Cheif residence and settlement in that Government, and lately built a considerable Fort at Pullicherry, The Particulars of our present to be one of the R! Honble Comp* Persia horses with handsome furniture, three or four peices of Broadcloth Fine and ordinary, Fyre Armes, w*h: some other rarityes, that may be most pleaseing & acceptable to Him.

Twas represented to the Councill the great charge of our Garrison at Conimere, haveing a whole Comp' of Soldiers in Pay there, and besides Gunners and other officers, which is a very considerable charge, considering the little benefit we have from thence by trade whereupon twas debased whether we should recall those soldiers thence, but in consideration of the threatned troubles to this place, and the supplyes we may have in our necessity from thence, Tis resolved to continue y" as they are, till the Government, and we have a better understanding and

things better settled.

Wee haveing lately made a Company of Granadeers all of English and Europe Soldiers, whose clothing and duty being more hard and chargeable to them then other soldiers, Tis therefore agreed that dureing ye present troubles and Scarcity, they be advanced 8 fanams a month each for their maintenance & encouragement, Wee being also enformed that Granadeers in Europe have 4" P Meñs: advanced more then other soldiers in Consideration of their more dangerous service, but that this allowance be not a standing rule but to be recalled when we see fitting, and that they be so acquainted therewith.

The Paymaster and Storekeeper were againe reminded of fortifying repaireing and storeing the Garrison, and that the Paymaster doe make an agreement with the Bricklayers for a quantity of Bricks at 2500 P Page and to advance them 300

Pags thereon.

The Storekeeper is order'd to gett a Sloop ready to be dispatch't with our Packetts, and what stores we can spare for Bombay though we have heard noe

news from them a great while.

There being severall rich Europe Gold & Silver flowerd Silks, Velvetts and Sattins of the R⁵ Hon^{ble} Company in the Warehouse brought with the Agent & from Bengall, most of which damaged there & lying here decaying, The Warehousekeeper is orderd to expose them to sale at a publick outcry to prevent their

further dammage.

The Ruby a Country Vessell belonging to Mr Robt freeman deceased, being lately arrived from Syam Via Atchein and Bengall, where notwithstanding ye Nabobs late promises and encouragements for our returne and resettlement, it seems they were ill treated and denyed both trade and provisions, and the master enformes us that the English lately freed from Chaines & imprisonmt were againe under restraint, said to be occasioned by a late order from the Mogull, he being exasperated thereto from the Warrs at Bombay, The Master also advises us that the Pryaman with her Cargo of Pepper was lost on the Braces, unhappily driven thither in her passage from Bencolen hither, also that M' Hodges deceas't aboard the Ruby in Ballasore road. Mr Jnº Littleton and Mr Styleman being his former Attorneys and he dying intestate, at least no Will yet appearing, Tis orderd that they do continue their care of His concernes, and examine his Books and papers for what may relate to or concerne the Rt Honble Company, giveing us an Acct thereof, Wee haveing been a long time advised that Mr Hodges had brought overtures of peace from the King of Syam and to accommodate all differences with the Rt Honble Company; Mr John Littleton Accomptant is also orderd to make up the Pearl friggots Acct of her Mergee Voyage, and to call Mr John Hill to an acct for the Dollers &c" deliverd M' Hodges him and Capt Perryman when they went on that expedition.

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The severall Summes paid Mr John Cheney by the President in the time of his sickness amounting to Pag*[lacuna in the original.] for the defraying the Garrison charges is approved of by the Councill and Tis now orderd that Pag* 2000 be paid him more on said Acct.

Mr Richard Browne was sent for & acquainted with the Rt Honble Compas pleasure concerning his dismission which he humbly submitted to, as also Mr Dean Sowton the late Dyer in Bengall, and that their Sallaryes and other allowances

from the Rt Honbie Compa were to cease from this time.

There being severall English Soldiers, Pyrates Seamen &ca in the Mogulls service and the Neighbouring Camps I is agreed and orderd that a Generall Invitation & Pardon be sent to recall them hither, least they prove mischivious against us, as also for the strengthning of our Garrison.

There being severall Criminalls in Prison, Tis orderd that a Generall Sessions be held by the Mayor and Coart of Aldermen on Wednesday the 11th Instant for

their examination and tryall.

There being some of our officers and others lately engaged in quarelling and duelling, which being in itself criminall & of very ill consequence & bad example to our Garrison Soldiers, Tis orderd that the President, Councill with the officers & Commanders do meet at the fort hall tomorrow morning to examine and Judge them.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON.

I except ye 8 fa: advance on ye Granadeers Tho: WAYELL. Compa. JNº : CHENEY.

I do except against the 8 fan's additionall allowance P Mens: to each Granodie, grain being now additionall allowance to the rest of the Soldra allowed them in the time of the ffamine Paddy selling now at 50 Menhall 30 and B selling now at 50 Merkall # one Pago.

WM : CAWLEY.

I am of opinion ray" to take of yo former aditionall Tho: Gray. pay then now to encrease, in time of peace.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Letter from the Cheife and Councill at Conimere adviseing that Kama Raja 6. upon his arrivall at Chingee Castell sent a summons to all in any considerable employmts in the Government to make their appearance before him, he has likewise called His sister Harje Raja's wife to an acct : and taken three lacks of Pags from her and from Santogee Raja Pag* 100000, restoreing Sounda Bollogee to his former employments, who tis thought will visitt those parts, and undoubtedly will expect a present from them. They also advise us that the French goeing to congratulate Rama Raja, mett him in his way to Chingee & have desired a confirmation of their old Cowle which is promised shall be done, but what further they have to desire

they knew not.

Letter from Sharoo Cawne Beague, Governour of Metchlepatam, & Parts, to 7. the Honble President, being in answer to his Honrs of the [lacuna in the original.] that the occasion of seizing the Honble Compas Servants, ffactory and Goods at Metchlepatam was by an express order or Phyrmaund from the Mogull, Not to him only but to all under charge of any place, whereever in his Dominions, and to stop our proceedings and take obligations from all Merchants not to have any correspondence or trade with us, Intimateing that these proceedings were not out of his own head, or any Inclination he had thereto, in so much he had advised the Subidar that he could find no fault win the English's proceedings and why must he act in that manner, in answer to which was, that unless they had prosecuted the Mogulls Phyrmaund, they should all be ruined, upon which he was forc't to putt it to an execution.

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Letter from Gongooraz Vizagapatam Braminee, adviseing that the Seerlascar highly disapproves the action of Chetteramin killing M Stables, and the rest of the Comp²⁸ Servants, telling him He must answer for what he has done to Coart, His orders were only to putt Chopps upon their concernes and turne the English out of the factory, as also that the Seerlascar has wrote up to Coart, about our Concernes and people, which till they have an answer to they cannot release them from their imprisonment complaining also of their hard usage there.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Tuesday.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THOM^S WAVELL
M^R JOHN CHENE*
M^R WILLIAM FRASER
M^R WILL CAWLEY M^R THOM^S GRAY,

The Presidents acc t of the R t Hon Nle Comp as Cash for the month of November was read and past, and the Ball: examined amounting . . . Pag s 80063: 13:—

M Thomas Wavell Warehousekeepers, his book of acc^{ts} for the months of October and November were read & past in Councill, and paid into the R^t Hon^{bs} Comp^{ns} Cash Pag^s 19000, for Silver and goods sold out of the Hon^{bs} Comp^{ns} Warehouse.

Mr William Cawley Storekeeper, his books of accts for the month of October were read and past, as also Mr Thomas Gray, Land Customers Accts for the month

of November, and paid in Page 340 for Customes recd last month.

A Congratula[to]ry Letter from the President to Rama Raja King of the Morattaes upon his arrivall to Chengee was read and approved and orderd to be sent to M' John Nicks to be deliverd by him, if hee finds it requisite upon his arrivall with the present but rather, if possible, to excuse it, since twill engage us less on a Correspondence which can noe wayes be advantagious to the R' Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: and may exasperate the Moors against us, suspecting our Supplying them with Armes or other necessaryes.

Orderd that Pag* 2000 be paid M' John Cheney Paymaster to defray the

Garrison Charges.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FEASER.
W*: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

This day came news from Conimere, that the Morattaes had beseiged the French at Pullicherry, demanding a great Summe of money from them, notw*standing they had lately received a Considerable Present from them, and that the Conimere Gover[n]m* and the Duans peons have likewise been very pressing with our merchants there, for 1000 or 500 Pag*: a man loan from them.

Generall from the Cheif and Councill at Conimere dated the 6: Instant, complaining that the Govern in those Parts begins to be very troublesome by the often removall of their people of any trust throughout the Countrey, whose aime is only at money, and those are in best esteeme that can raise most let it be never so unjustly, referring us to a letter, they rec⁶ from Timogee Cashow Pontulo, Subidar of the Chingee Countrey, wherein he demands three thousand Pag*: for a Tax upon our Factory, which he is orderd likewise to doe from ye rest.

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Letter from the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss} Dubash & Bramenee at Metchlepatam, 12. adviseing that they have endeavourd to procure a Persia freight, but the Merchants seeme unwilling to engage with us on any Acc^t by reason we have no settlements in those parts.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY

' ELIHU YALE ESQ[®] PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

M[®] JOHN LITTLETON M[®] THOM® WAVELL

M[®] JOHN CHENEY M[®] WILL[®] FRASER

M[®] WILL[®] CAWLEY M[®] THOMAS GRAY.

Cap' John Spencer lately deceasing intestate, Mr Jn° Cheney Paymaster as accustomary to his place was ordered to take care and dispose of his concernes, which haveing finish't, now delivers the Acc' and Ballance into the R' Hon¹⁰ Comp^{ast} Cash amounting to Pag* 641: 13: as also the Ballance of Mr Benjamin

Chadwicks, weh amounts to Pags 36:00:

The Letter from the Governour of Chingie to ye Cheif of Conimere being translated and perused. Wee find he demands 3000 Pag* to be advance to lent him by yt Factory, which he likewise requires from the french & Dutch in those parts, but we hope the Present intended for him from Conimere will be sufficient & satisfic their expectations and demands, but the horse lately made choice of for him, proveing lame and out of order as the rest are, It is orderd that another more fitt and acceptable be bought for that purpose, and y the rest of the present be provided and sent as soon as possible, not exceeding the amount of Pag*: 600 as we formerly agreed upon, and the money wee have orderd for the use factory be sent them by sea, the land Conveyance being too hazardous and dangerous.

There being little or noe course goods procureable in the Countrey for the discharge of our Merchants Contract by reason of the continued Warrs and troubles; Twas proposed whether we had not best adventure the buying of the turn'd out cloth at a proportionable price, which the Merchants were sent for and treated wth about it but noe agreement thereon, they not complying with a propor-

tionable abatement.

The Paymasters Conacaplys haveing defrauded in the Payment of their Cooley, for which they were punish't and discharged their employ, and for prevention of such wrongs for the future, Tis orderd y' the R' Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Serv^{ts} be employ'd only in that buisiness instead of the Conacaply here being little other buisness for them.

Orderd that the out towne and bridge River be trencht and fortified with turfe and clay work as well & soon as possible, it being reported y a considerable

force from the Mogull is comeing against us.

The Warehousekeep' is againe orderd to hasten y' unladeing of the Chandois wth all expedition & y' the Customer do assist him wh boats sufficient for yt purpose, y' she may be in a readiness for our occasions, as also yt all possible means be used for the procuery of a sufficient Ladeing for y' Princess of Denmark, whom we intend for England in Jan' or feb' next if possible & y' therefore he

hasten the goods from ye Merchts.

The Dewellers haveing been a considerable time imprison'd and sufferd otherwise for that crime and they appearing now very pennitent and troubled for their offences, acknowledgeing the greatness of their faults, with promises of future amendment, and never to be guilty of the like crimes or any thing y' tended towards it, in consideration whereof and their humble Petition & that this being their first faults, committed in the Garrison, Tis agreed and orderd they be discharged of their confinement and restored to the same Commissions and

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employments they formerly enjoyed in the Garrison, after that they had paid the fine orderd by the Coart Martiall the 10 instant.

> ELIHU YALE. JOHN LITTLETON.

Janry 10th 1689.

I except yo Trenching & fortifying yo out towne wth bulworks It being in my oppinion rather a battery against ye ffort yn any Defence to it. JNº CHENEY.

THO: WAVELL.

I approve the walling in of the black Town with a substantiall Brick wall as well for strength as for securing the Honble Compas Customes but not with Mudd or Turf which will soone moulder away & that the Honble Compa be not at six pence Charge thereon.

WILL: FRASER.

I except yo fortifying & entrenching yo Black Towne, being of opinion yt mudd walls & Bul-

WM: CAWLEY.

workes will neither answere ye Charge or End

THO: GRAY.

Pags 2632: 02:

I consent to fortify upon ye Gover promise to

Ship Conimere Merchant Capt Anto Pennystone Commander, haveing lost

her Passage to Atchein returned here this day.

Generall from Mr Charles Fleetwood at Chiccacul dated the 10th of November last, relateing the sad Cattastrophy hapned upon the Rt Honble Company's factory and Servants, in those parts, and that Hee beleives the murther committed upon the Cheif and Second was for the better conveniency of robbing ye factory, and no other end, there not appearing nigh the money, we should be, and that they would have him give under his hand, y what goods & treasure now Carryed thither were the totall of what were in the Rt Honble Compas factory, which he refused to do, whereupon they detaine him, notwithstanding, as they say, be contrary to orders.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNES-DAY. 18.

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ELIHU YALE ESQE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M B JOHN LITTLETON ME THOMS: WAVELL Mª JOHN CHENEY Mª WILL™: FRASER M^R WILL^M: CAWLEY M^R THOMAS GRAY.

The Bookkeeper delivering in the Washermen account for washing the Rt Honble Companye's goods, which wee find to be near a ballance, & they being in great want of more money, It is orderd that Pags 100 be paid them on yt Acct:

Mr John Cheney Paymaster his books of accompts for the months of September & October were read and past Vizt.

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Charges garrison .				Pags	1457:	34:	3 8
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Charges Cattle		•••			27:	13 : 09 : 14 :	3/4
Charges Extraordina	ry .				21:	14:	$\frac{\hat{1}}{2}$
West Coast					21:	22:	-
Fortifications and Re	paires.				303:	30:	78
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Charges Dyett				261:29: 3
Charges Extraordinary		•••		15:25: -
Factors Provisions				138:00: -
Charges Cattle				14: 2: -
Porto Novo factory				6: 0: -
West Coast	•			8:27: -
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Fortifications and repaires	•••	***		210.24: 8

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Mr Will^m Cawley Storekeeper his book of Acc^{ts} for the month of October was read and past.

Mr Thome Gray Mintmastr pd on acct Gold and Silver coyned in the Mint

Pags 3601: into the Rt Honble Compas Cash.

The Warehousekeep and Assistants were orderd to survey the Merchts Short Cloth, and give their opinions thereof to the Councill the next Consulta-

tion day.

The Agent & of Bengall are orderd to pay to the Attorneys of Phytch Needham or his Administrat w is due to him from the R Honble Company, and what else of his in their Possession, after haveing cleared Accompts w the Honble Company, he being long before his death discharged the Compa service,

This also to be orderd by the Mayor and Coart of Aldermen.

There being a black fellow, & Slave named Francisco alias Chico Condemned in the Mayors Coart for Theft who appealing to the President & and there appearing no evidence against him at tryall, more then his own Confession under punishment before his tryall, at which time he pleaded not guilty, notwithstanding which, The Jury brought him in guilty only upon his former confession, which being a hard case, and this offence too common amongst our Slaves, and usually punish't with a Corporall punishment and Banishment, Its therefore agreed and orderd that the said Chico be pardoned the sentence of death, and that he be whipt round the Towne and stigmatized on the Sholdier with the Hon^{bie} Company's mark with a hott Iron and banish't to the West Coast the R^t Hon^{bie} Companys Slave, where he may do them service and be more exemplary then by his death.

Orderd that a Persia horse be bought for a Present to Ramma Raja for 400

Pags: the same price being offerd for him.

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.

The Prisoner had a fair & Legall Tryal confessed the matter of fact was found possessed of severall p of stollen silk, sold severall of them & recd mony for the same, & was found guilty by the Jury.

I not being in Court when the Fellows Tryall was brought on but approve of y° Pardon.

WM: CAWLEY.

THO: GRAY.

Letter from the R¹ Hon¹⁰ Comp¹⁰ Dubash and Brameney, at Madapollam to 19. the President, giveing an acc' of all Transactions and proceedings in those Parts, w¹⁰ an acc' of their expences, desireing another supply of money may be sent them to defray their charges of repaireing the Factory and pay the servants wages.

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Munday 23.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THO: WAVELL M^R JOHN CHENEY M^R WILL^M: FRASER M^R WILL^M CAWLEY M^R THO: GRAY.

The Governour haveing discoverd and confined the Persons for counterfeiting our Silver fanams the examination of which is orderd to be taken by the Chowltry Justices, and they to give enformation thereof to the Mayor and Coart of Aldermen to be there strictly prosecuted and tryed.

Mr John Cheney Paymaster his accts for the month of November were read

and past Viz.

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		Garrison			 	 	P:	1591: 27		78
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	Charges	fortification	& Repa	ires	 	 		566: 06	: 3	1 6
		Extraordina			 	 		15: 28	: -	
	West Co	ast			 	 		8: 27	: -	-

Pags 3065: 06: 1

Haveing lately rec^d letters from our Dubashes and Bramenee at Metchlepatam and Madapollam, wherein they complaine much of their want of money for the keeping the R^t Hon^{blc} Company's factoryes in repair, which, they advise, goe greatly to decay, as also paying the servants wages, the late supply sent them being expended, It is therefore orderd, to preserve y^m from utter ruine, that Pag' 40 be sent to Madapoll: and 20 to Metchlepatam Factoryes.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAYELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
WILL^M FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

WILLIAM PROBY Secry.

Letters from Goa advises of a Peace certainly concluded upon at Bombay, by the mediation of the Merchants at Surrat and the Porteguez Generall of the North at Daman, and that the English, upon the drawing up of the articles were to pay to the Mogull three lacks of Rupees. Notwithstanding went the Syddye still continues his forces on the Island, untill he shall receive further orders from the Mogull for his removall.

Generall from Conimere dated the 24th Instant, adviseing of the arrivall of the Presents for Rama Raja, wen they think convenient to have some advices from Coart how affaires stand with them and are like to goe, before the Cheff sett forward on his Journey with the presents to the King; by reason of the disappointm the french at Pullicherry mett with notwithstanding their Presents were kindly accepted of, the King forces them to lend him a Summe of money, wen he still insists upon.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 30.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R
M^R JOHN LITTLETON M^R THO: WAVELL
M^R JOHN CHENEY M^R W^W: Fraser
M^R WILL^R CAWLEY M^R THOM*: GRAY,

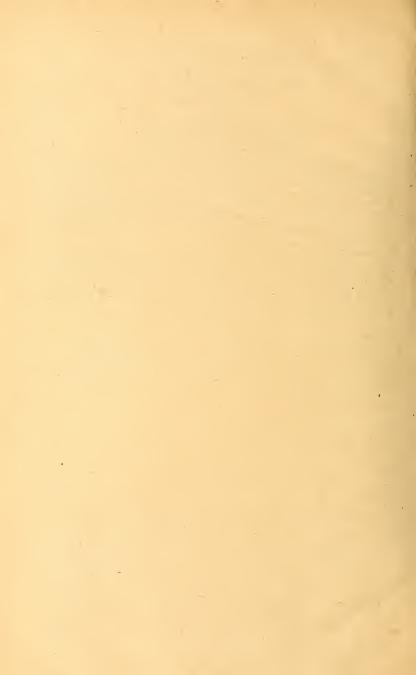
M' Thomas Wavell Warehousekeep', his Acc's of the Warehouse for the month of November were read & past and paid into the R' Hon le Comp's Cash Pag' 3500 for Silver and Goods sold by him &c's.

Mr Samuel Owen makeing his request to ye Councill to be Permitted to goe a Voyage to Atchein on his Particular Acct, which in consideration that there is little of the Companys buisness at present for him, it is thought fitt to grant him his request, conditionally that his sallary and other allowances from the Hon^{ble} Comp* doe cease from this time till his returne.

Orderd that the Citty Train bands and Garrison Soldiers be called to armes on Wednesday next, being new years day to a Generall Traineing, as well to be instructed in Millatary excercise as to acquaint them with the Points and Bullworks, to be readyer upon occasion, who haveing exercised in partyes round the Garrison, according to the Governours Instructions, then to goe over to the Island & form a Batallion, where the Tents are to be pitched, and the Councill & all the Comp* Servants to appear in their best equipage to make the greater shew and report in the Countrey which generall is magnified ad Terrorem.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
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